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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY AND PROTECT THE WORLD. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!



**CHARACTER  
= SELECT =**



**MEGA MAN  
& RUSH**  
HEROIC ROBOT BOY & DOG



**DR. LIGHT**  
CREATOR OF MEGA MAN



**DR. WILY**  
"REFORMED" MAD  
SCIENTIST



**ROLL**  
MEGA MAN'S  
TWIN SISTER

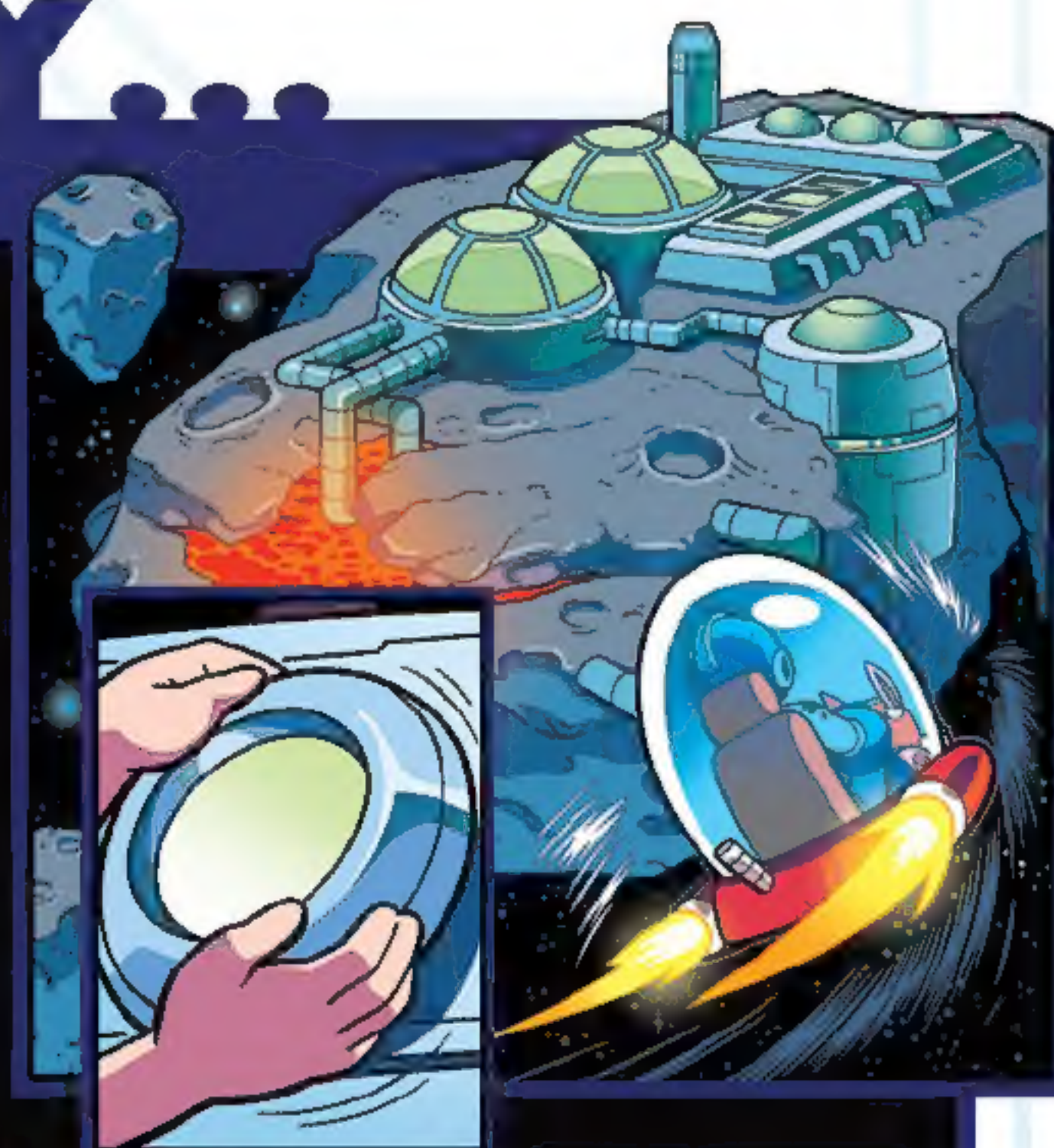
# MEGA MAN™

## PREVIOUSLY...

### Energy Expedition!

Mega Man is on the hunt for the eight Energy Elements! These rare, expensive crystal batteries are the only things powerful enough to fuel Dr. Light's latest creation – the peace-keeping titan Gamma!

But the Energy Elements were stolen by a group of rogue Robot Masters, all of whom are secretly working for Dr. Wily. With Mega Man and his support team distracted by the hunt, Dr. Wily's master plan is coming together unnoticed.



As Mega Man hunts down the Robot Masters, our hero is both playing into Dr. Wily's grand scheme and placing himself in mortal danger...



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ABOARD A MINING  
ASTEROID IN EARTH'S  
ORBIT...

**AHHH!**

# Legends of the BLUE BOMBER

Part Three:  
**WITHOUT  
DIRECTION,  
WITH  
DISDAIN**

**MEGA MAN**  
AMBUSHED HERO

**GEMINI MAN**  
SELF-DUPLICATING  
ROBOT

**RUSH**  
FAITHFUL  
ROBO-DOG

YOU...  
**DODGED?!  
HOW--?!**

**BLAM!**







MEGA MAN! I'M SEEING A SEVERE DAMAGE REPORT! ARE YOU OKAY?

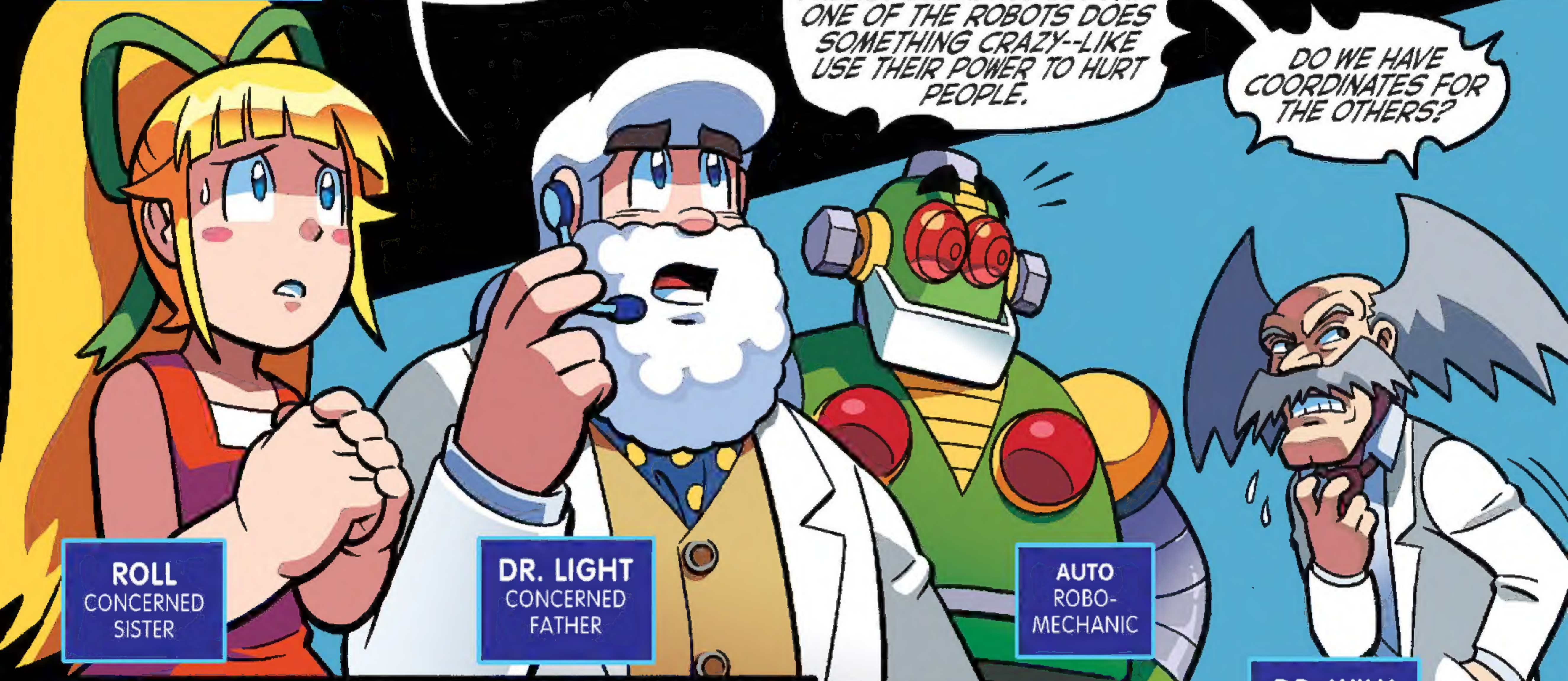
MMPH... I'M ALL RIGHT, DR. LIGHT. I LET MY GUARD DOWN, BUT I THINK I AVOIDED ANY MAJOR DAMAGE.

BACK ON EARTH, AT LIGHT LABS...

DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD. IF YOU NEED REPAIRS...

I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME FOR REPAIRS LATER. WE NEED TO SECURE THE ENERGY ELEMENTS BEFORE ONE OF THE ROBOTS DOES SOMETHING CRAZY-LIKE USE THEIR POWER TO HURT PEOPLE.

DO WE HAVE COORDINATES FOR THE OTHERS?



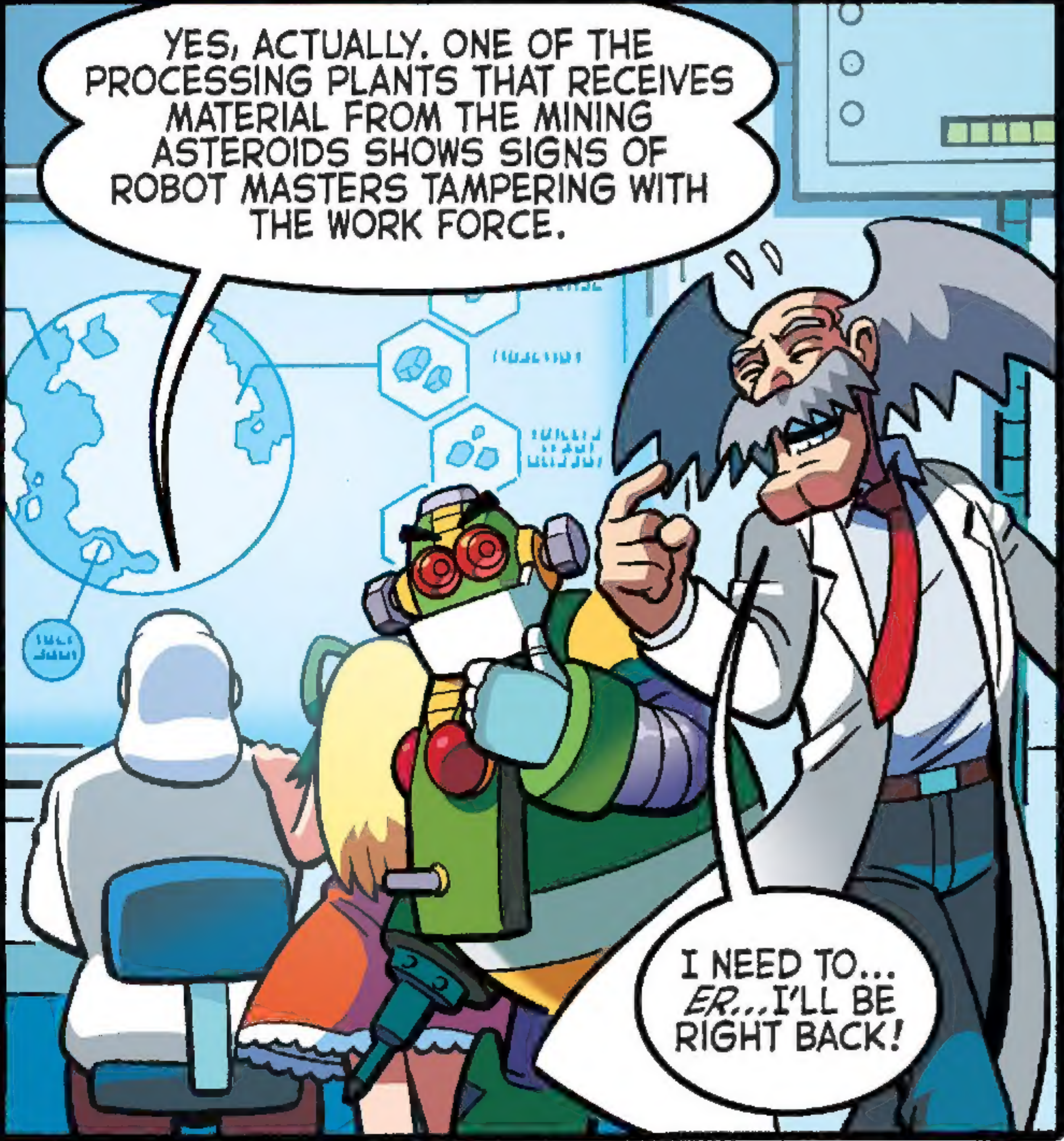
ROLL  
CONCERNED  
SISTER

DR. LIGHT  
CONCERNED  
FATHER

AUTO  
ROBO-  
MECHANIC

DR. WILLY  
CONCERNED--  
BUT NOT FOR  
MEGA MAN!

YES, ACTUALLY. ONE OF THE PROCESSING PLANTS THAT RECEIVES MATERIAL FROM THE MINING ASTEROIDS SHOWS SIGNS OF ROBOT MASTERS TAMPERING WITH THE WORK FORCE.



I NEED TO...  
ER... I'LL BE  
RIGHT BACK!



MAGNET MAN! DO YOU READ ME? MEGA MAN IS ON HIS WAY TO YOU!



# MAGNET MAN

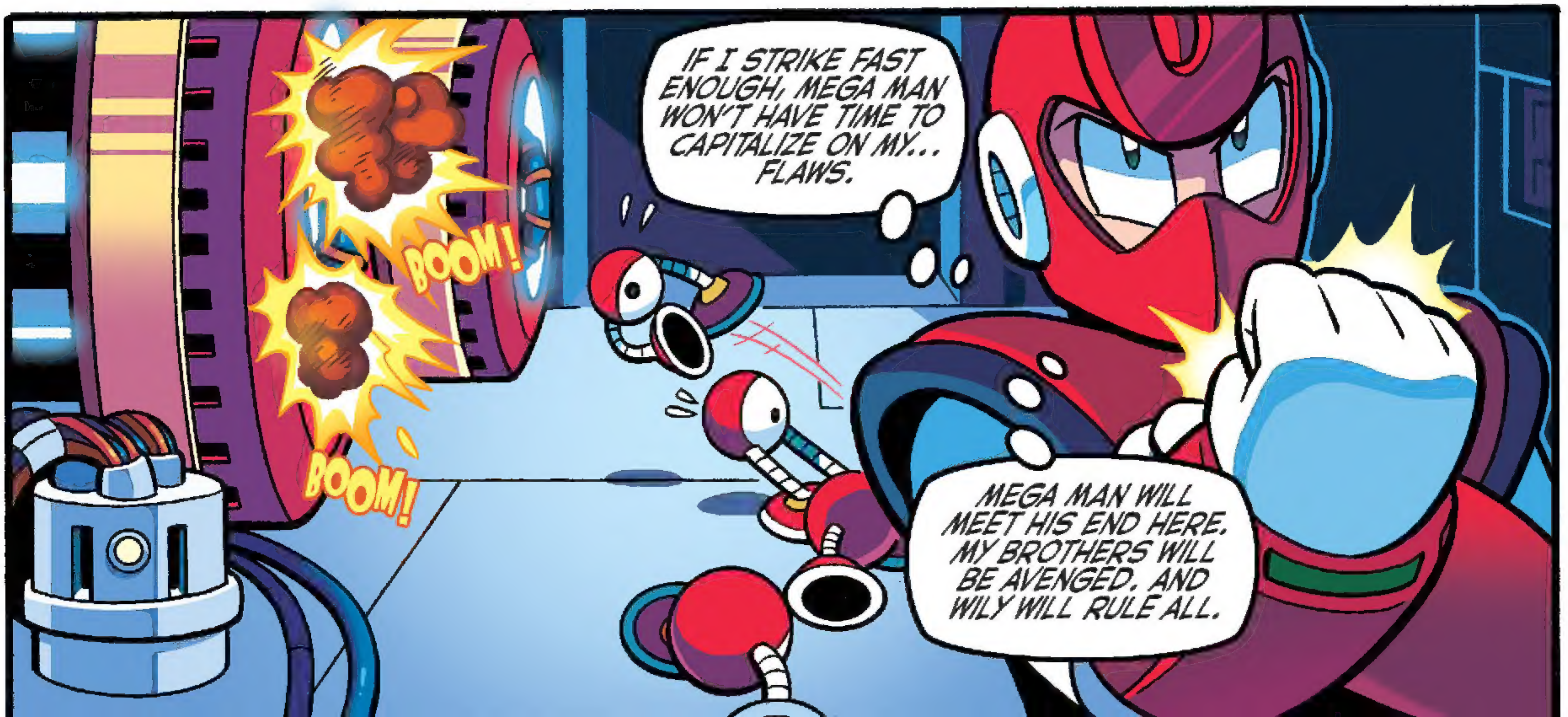
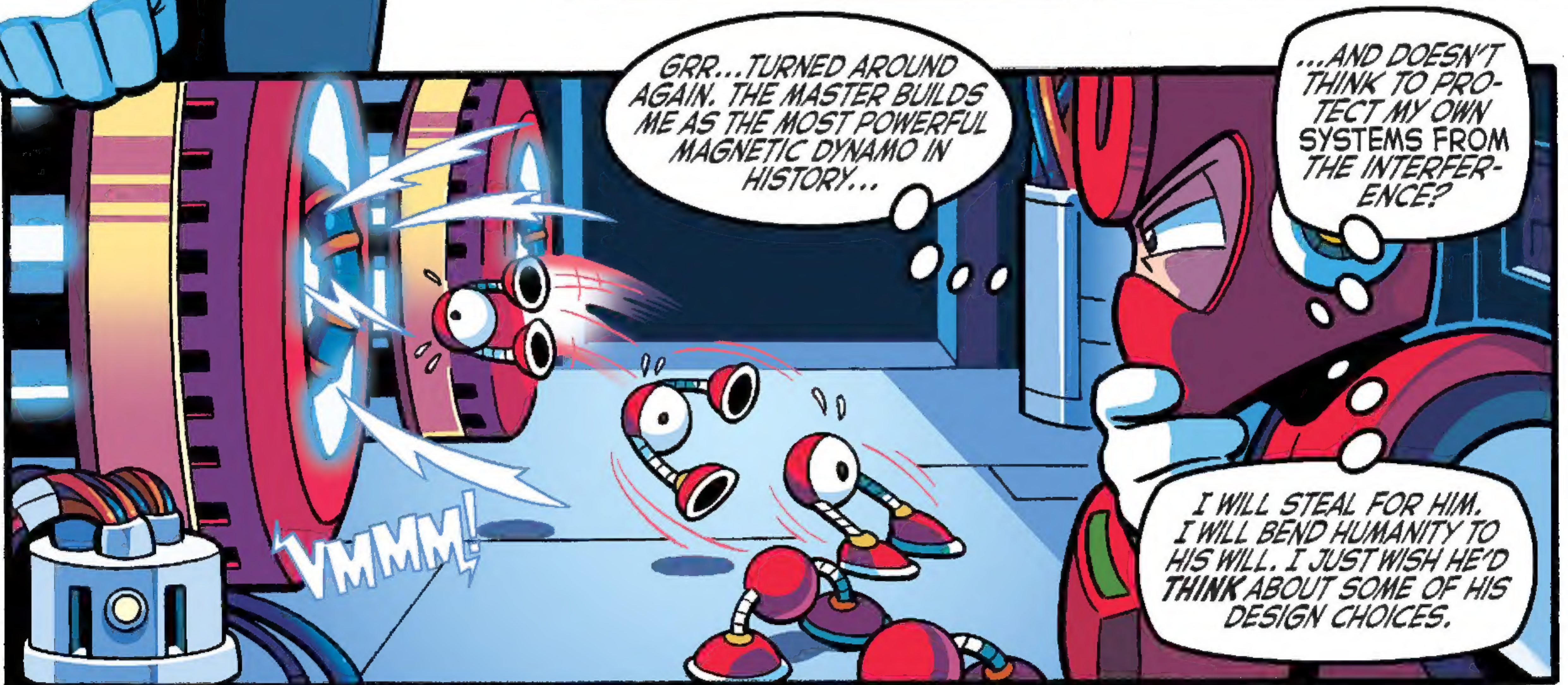
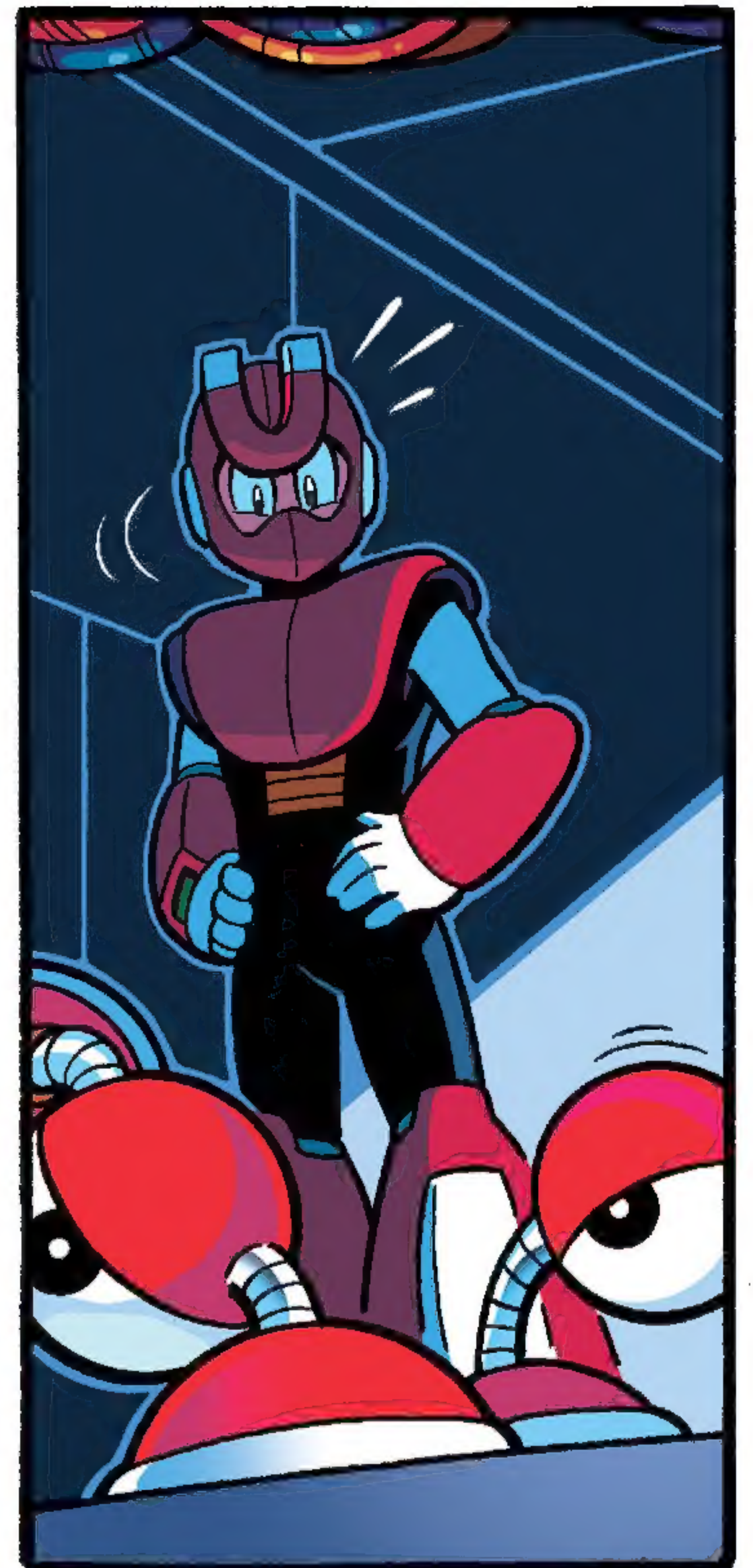
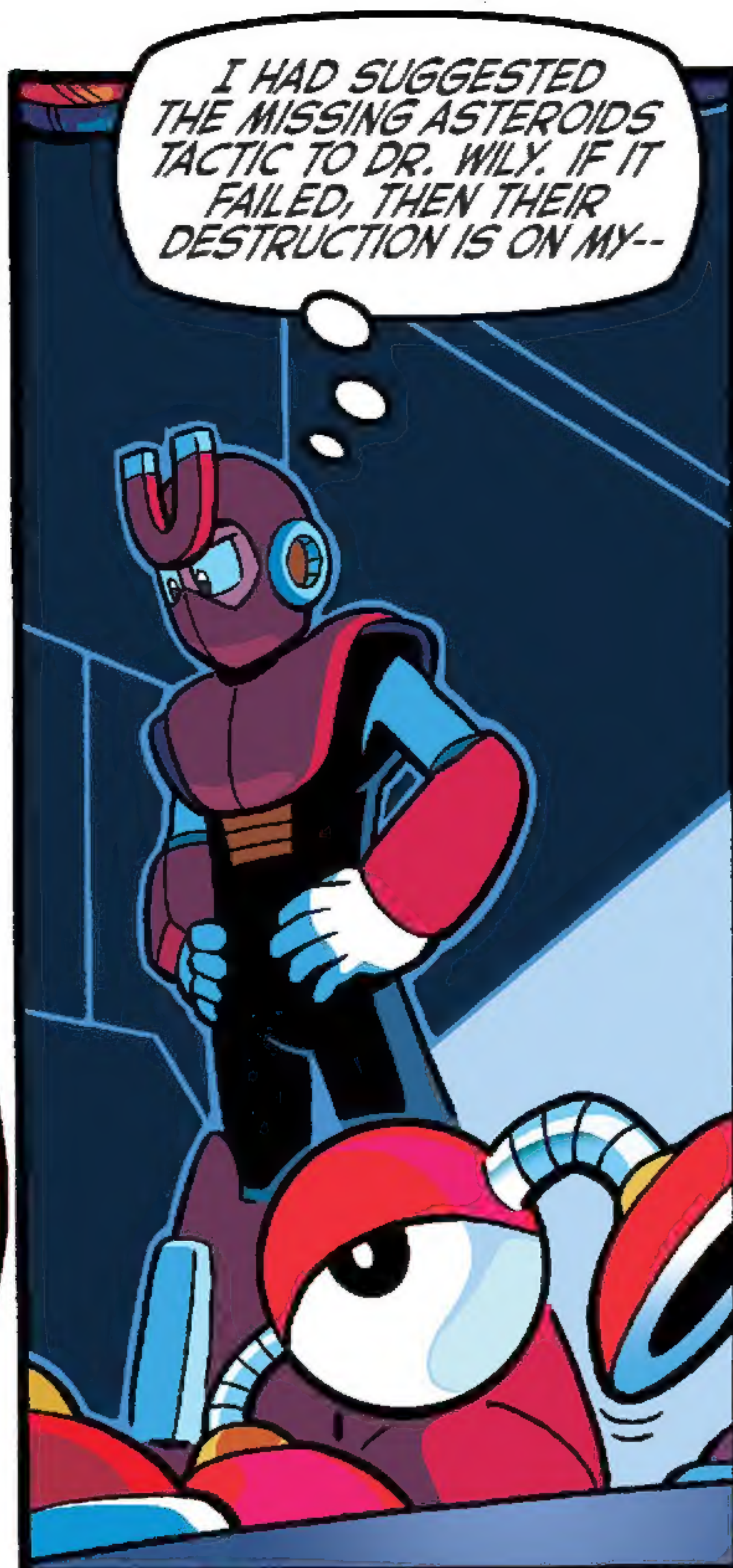
DWN-018  
MAGNETIC FORCE MANIPULATOR  
TURNED ENEMY GENERAL

LET HIM COME, MASTER.

I'VE PREPARED FOR HIM.









A SHORT TIME LATER...



I NEVER QUESTIONED DR. WILY'S TACTICS. IT SEEMS TO MAKE SENSE--WEAR MEGA MAN DOWN, THEN CRUSH HIM WITH A ROBOT MASTER AT THE END.

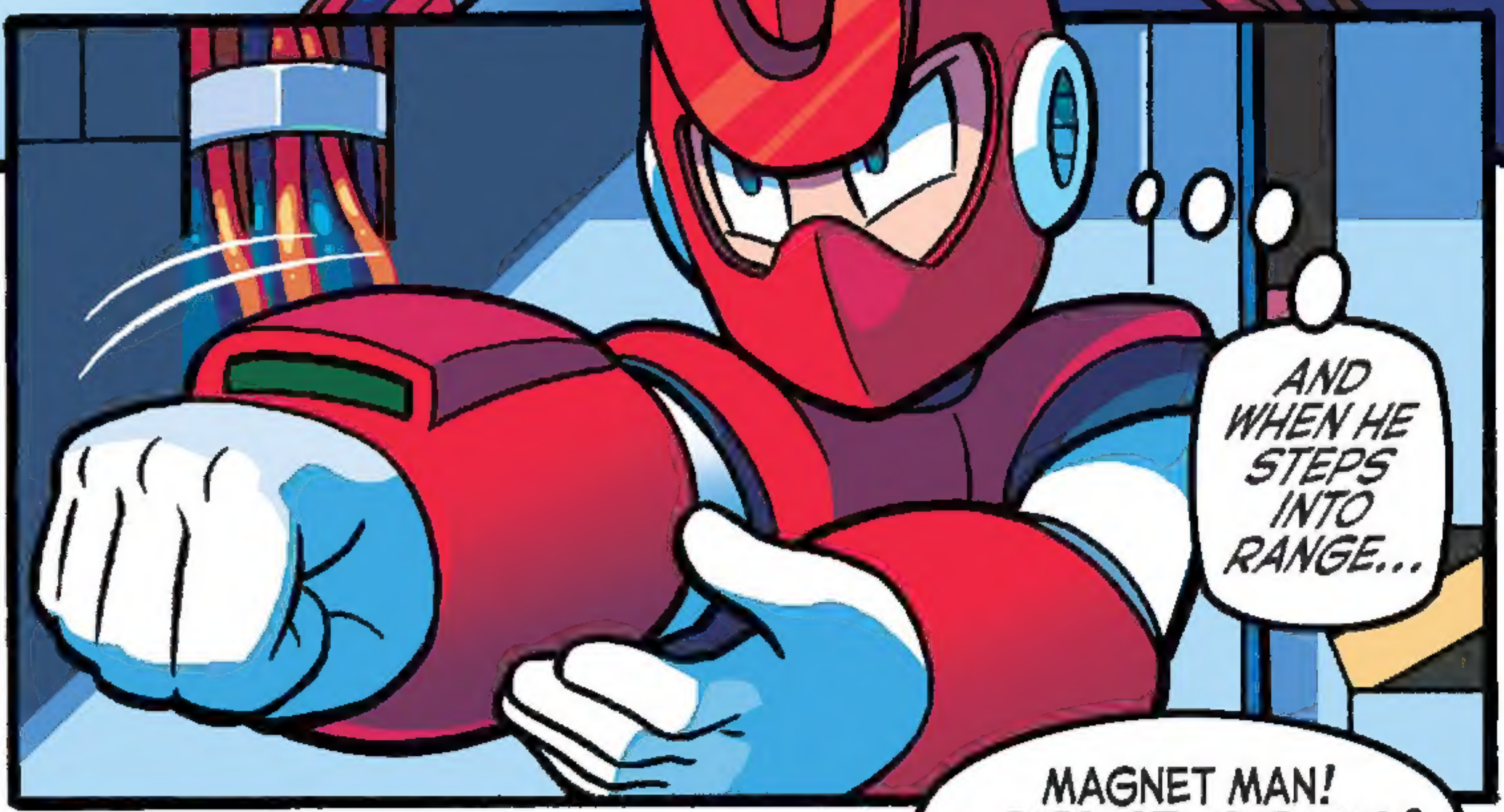
BUT IT DIDN'T WORK THE LAST TWENTY TIMES, AND HE'S TEARING THROUGH ALL MY DEFENSES--



--AND THEN THERE'S THE AFOREMENTIONED MAGNETIC INTERFERENCE ISSUE...

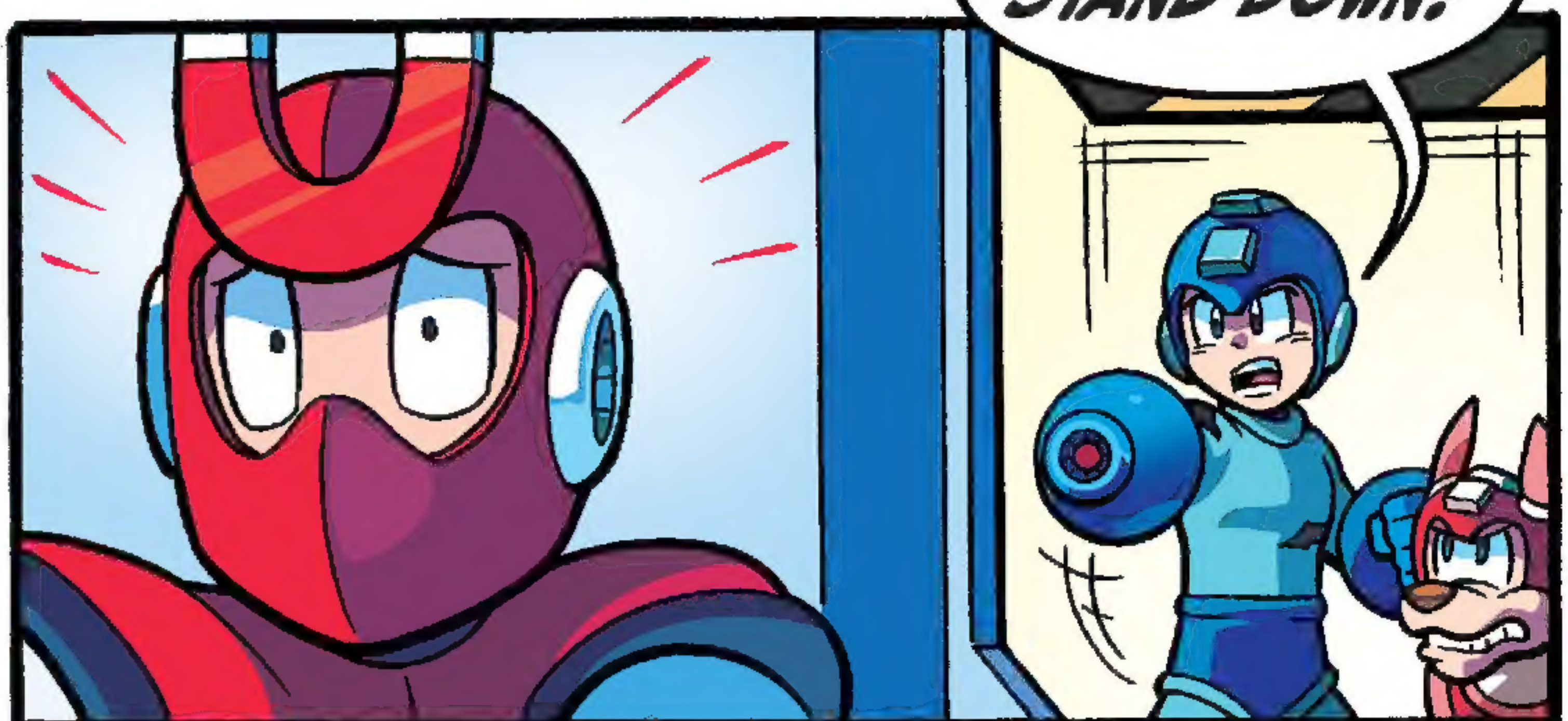


IT DOESN'T MATTER. MEGA MAN'S PRACTICALLY OUTSIDE MY DOOR.

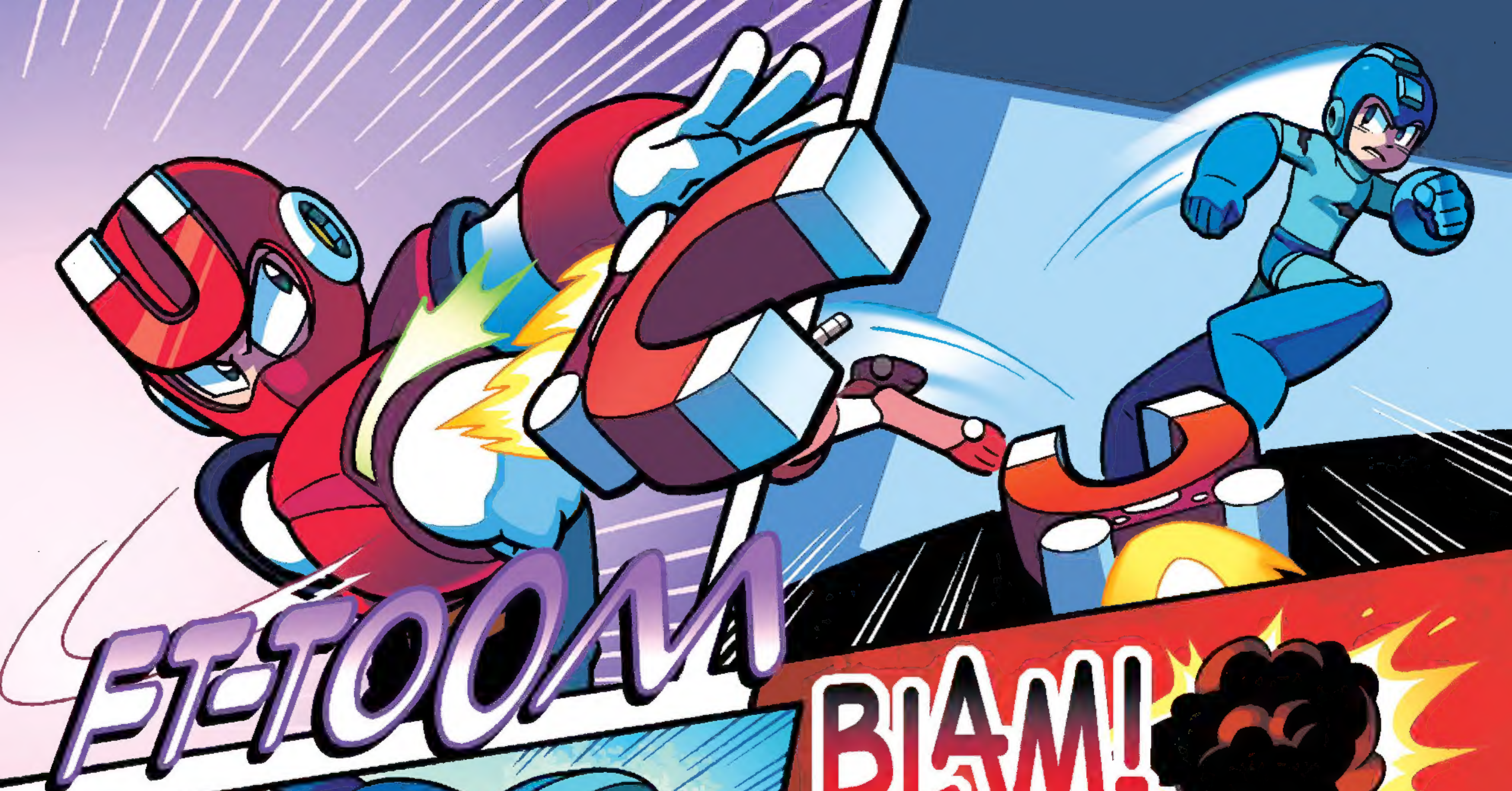


AND WHEN HE STEPS INTO RANGE...

MAGNET MAN! STAND DOWN!







**FTTOOOM**

**BLAM!**



**WUURRR**



NOT BAD!  
BUT CAN YOU  
KEEP UP SUCH  
MOVES...

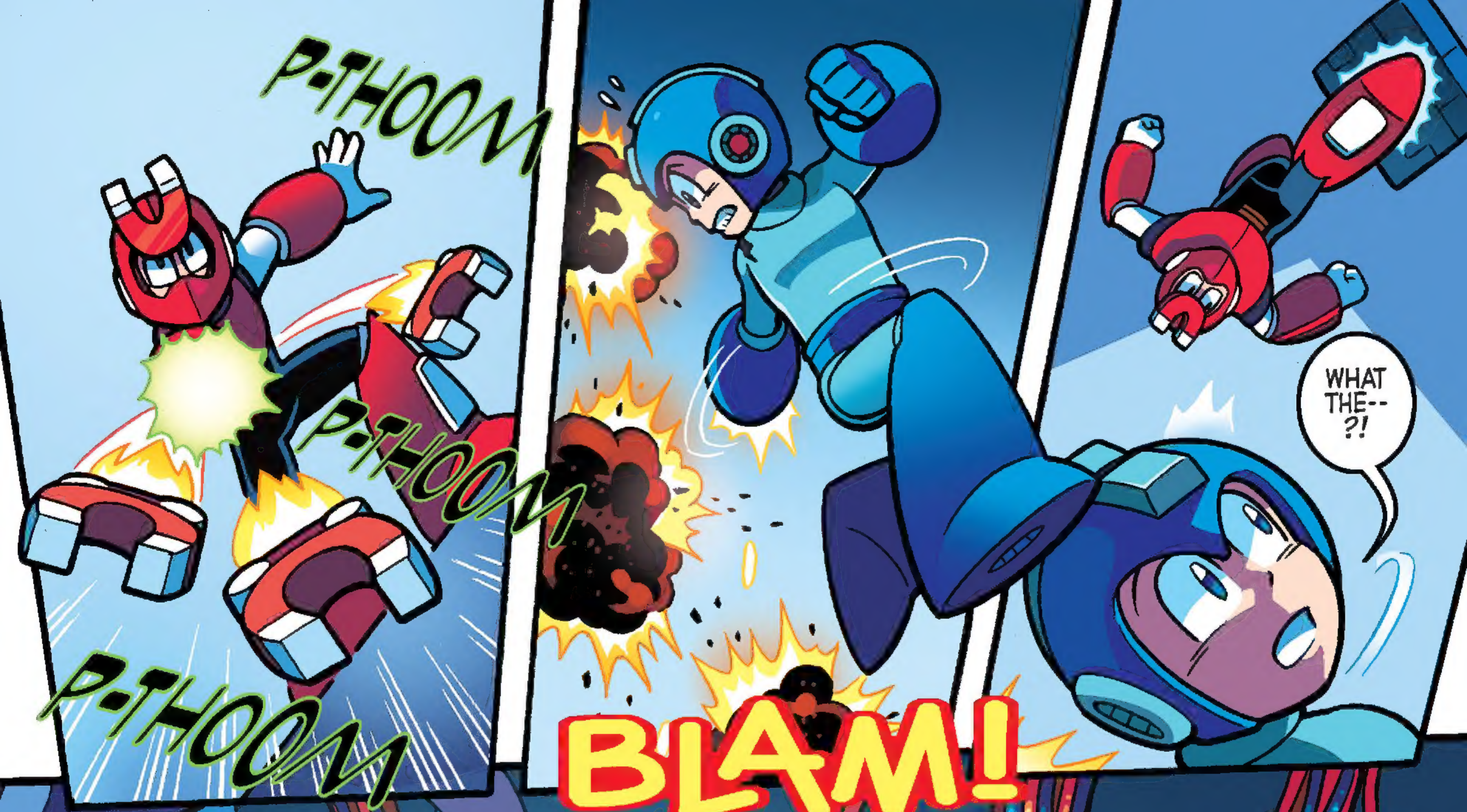
...AMID THE MAGNETIC  
INTERFERENCE OF  
EVERY CONDUCTOR IN  
THIS FACILITY?

**MMMMMMMM**



WHOA...





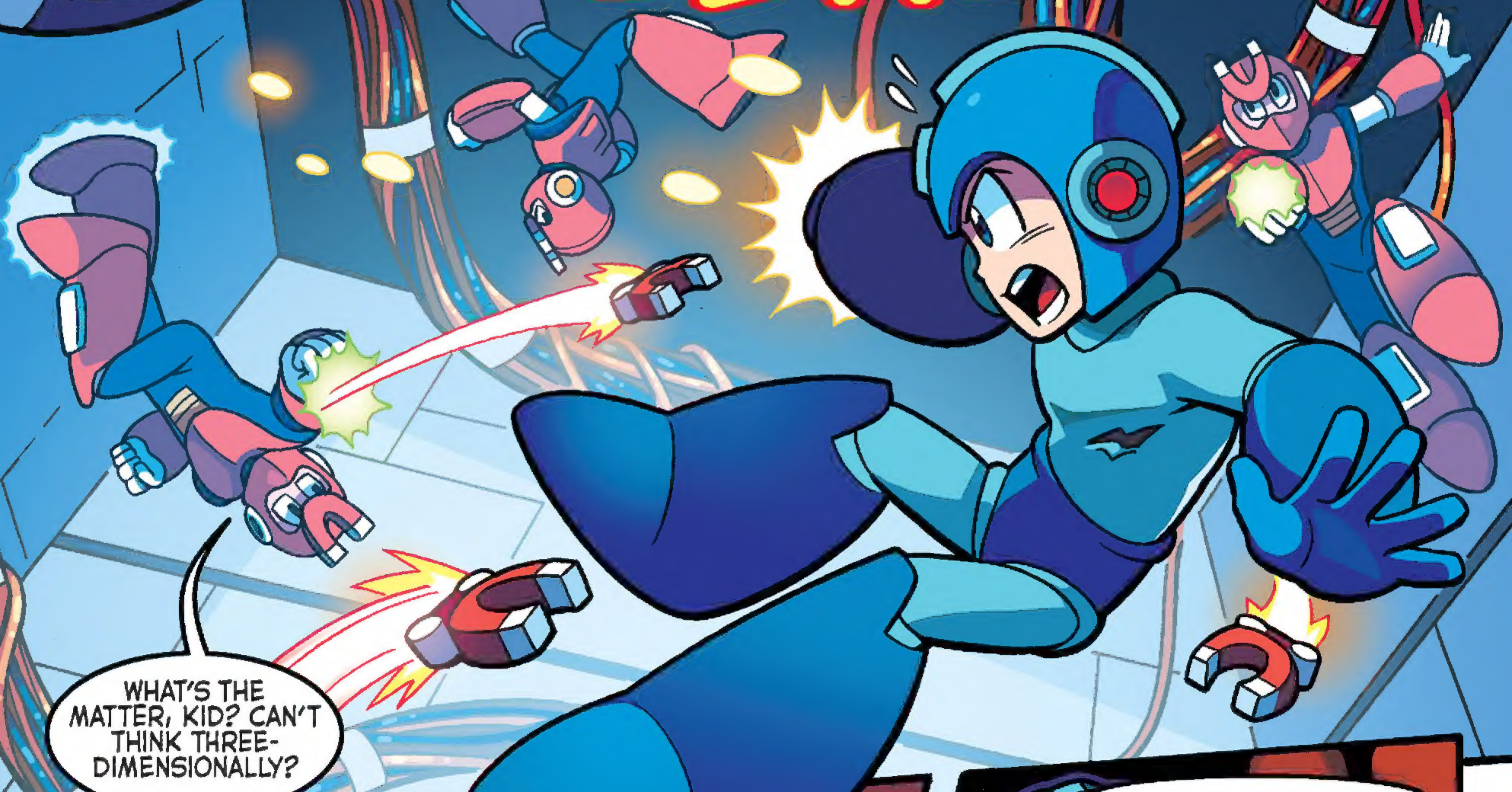
P-T-HOOM

P-T-HOOM

P-T-HOOM

**BLAM!**

WHAT THE--  
?!



WHAT'S THE MATTER, KID? CAN'T THINK THREE-DimensionALLY?

YOU TALK BIG... BUT LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN HANDLE SOME MISDIRECTION...

**BOOM!**

**BOOM!**

**BOOM!**



RUSH JET!  
HERE, BOY!



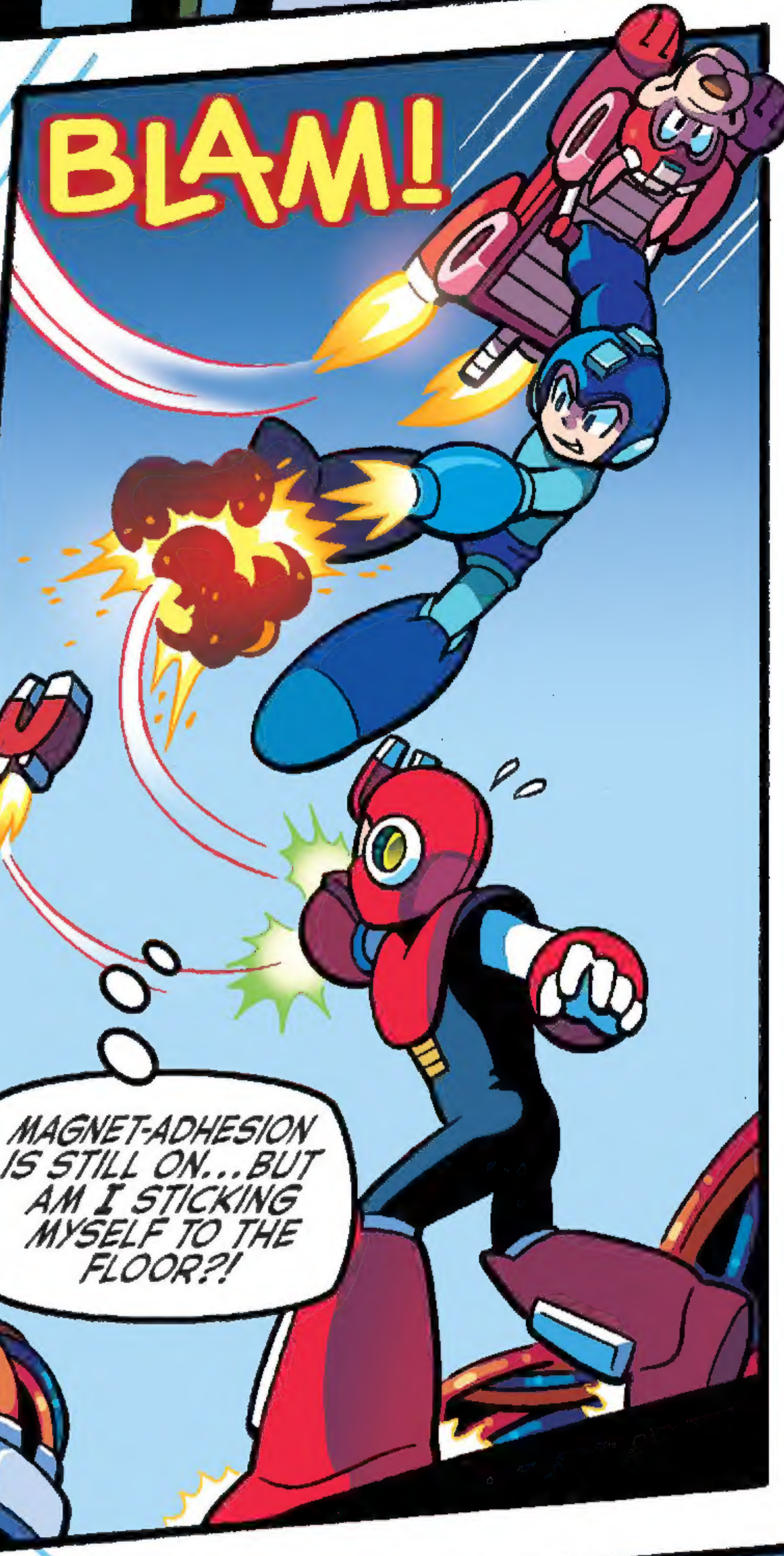
WAIT...  
WHAT?



WHY IS HE  
ATTACKING UPSIDE-  
DOWN?

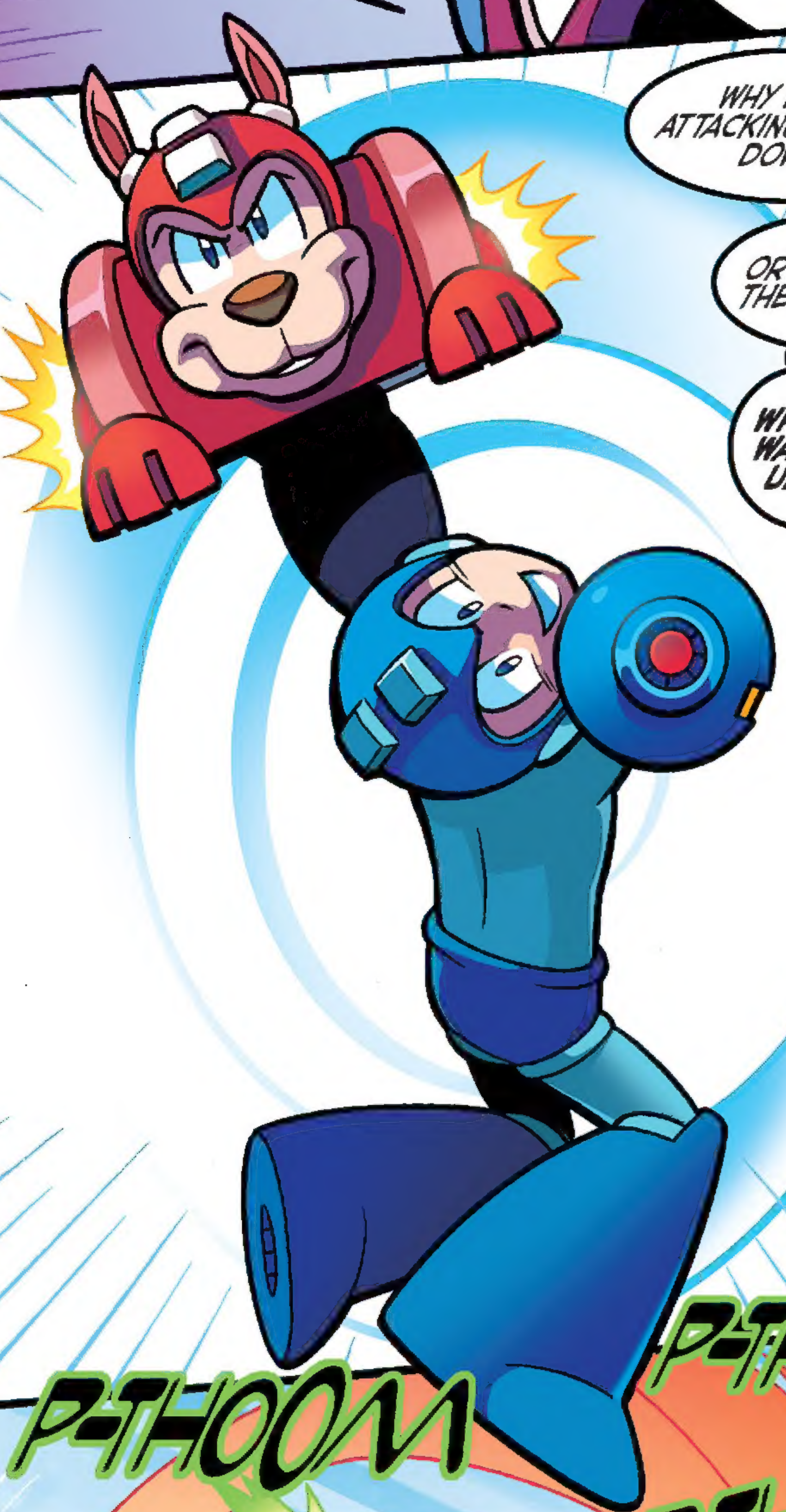
OR AM I ON  
THE CEILING?

WHICH  
WAY IS  
UP?!



**BLAM!**

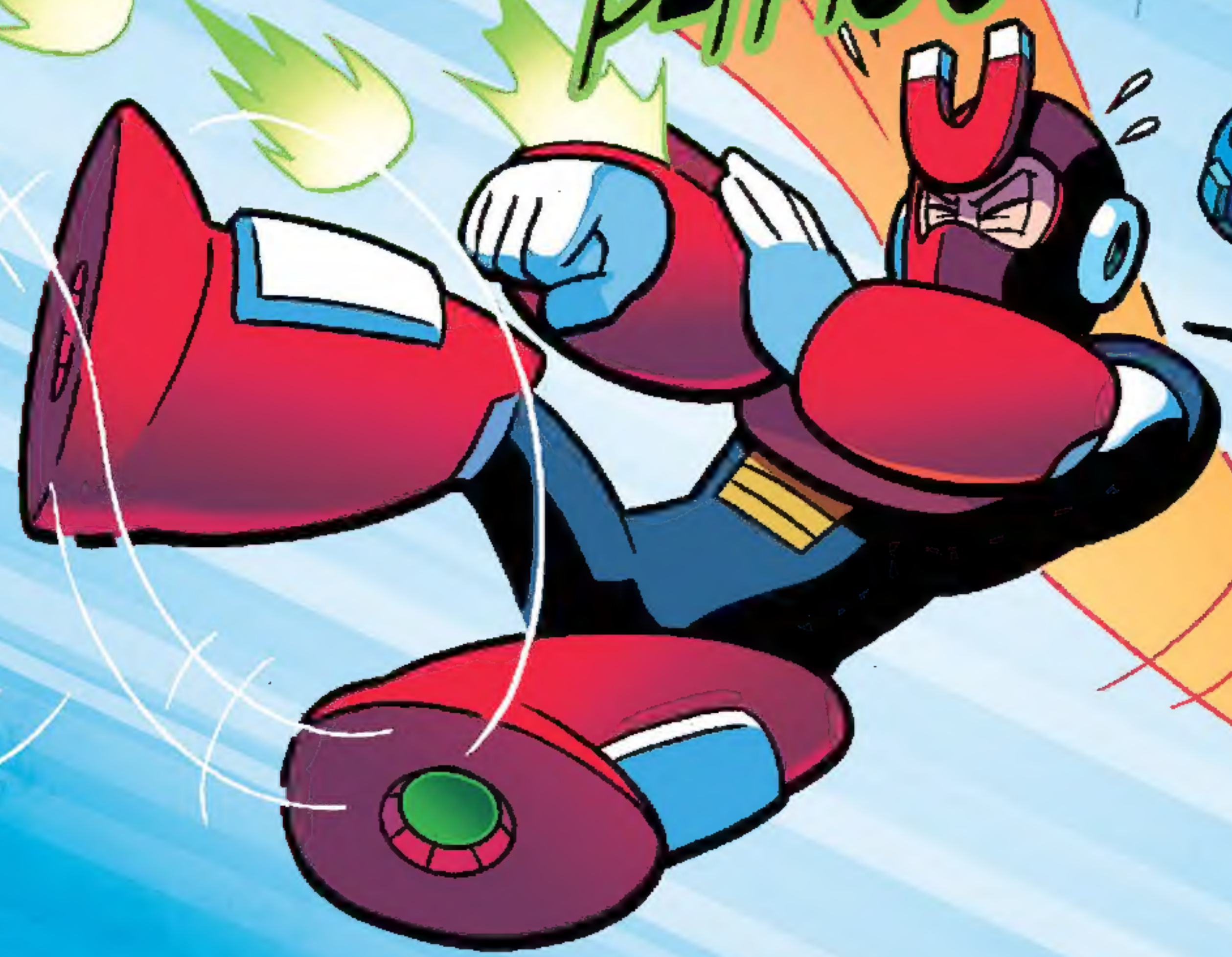
MAGNET-ADHESION  
IS STILL ON... BUT  
AM I STICKING  
MYSELF TO THE  
FLOOR?!



**P-THOOM**

**P-THOOM**

**P-THOOM**



STOP IT!  
YOU'RE MESSING  
WITH MY HEAD!



ERGH!

THUDD

SHING!

WEAPON EQUIP!  
SHADOW BLADE

NOW  
I'VE  
GOT  
YOU!

SHING!

ARGH!

UGH...  
REMAND ME TO  
ASK DR. LIGHT  
WHY I WAS PRO-  
GRAMMED FOR  
NAUSEA...

HMPH... YOU REALLY  
THREW ME OFF MY  
GAME... QUITE THE  
TACTICAL  
PROCESSOR FOR A  
HOUSE-BOT.

BUT YOU WON'T  
MAKE IT FAR WHEN  
YOU LITERALLY  
CAN'T TAKE A STEP!  
THIS PLACE WILL BE  
YOUR MAGNETIZED  
TOMB!

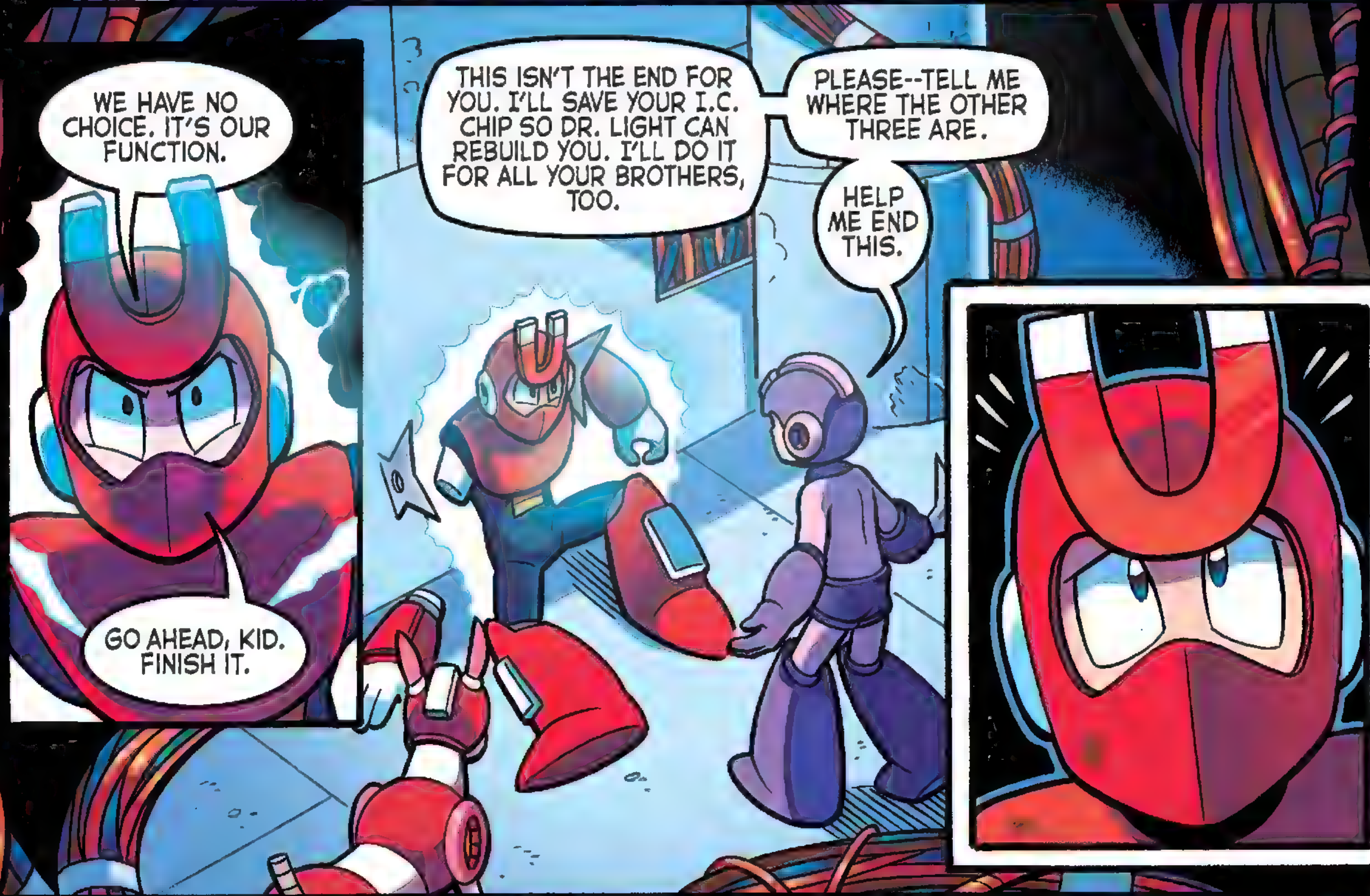






UNTIL I SHUT YOU DOWN.

WHY DO YOU WILY-BOTS *ALWAYS* MAKE ME DO THIS?



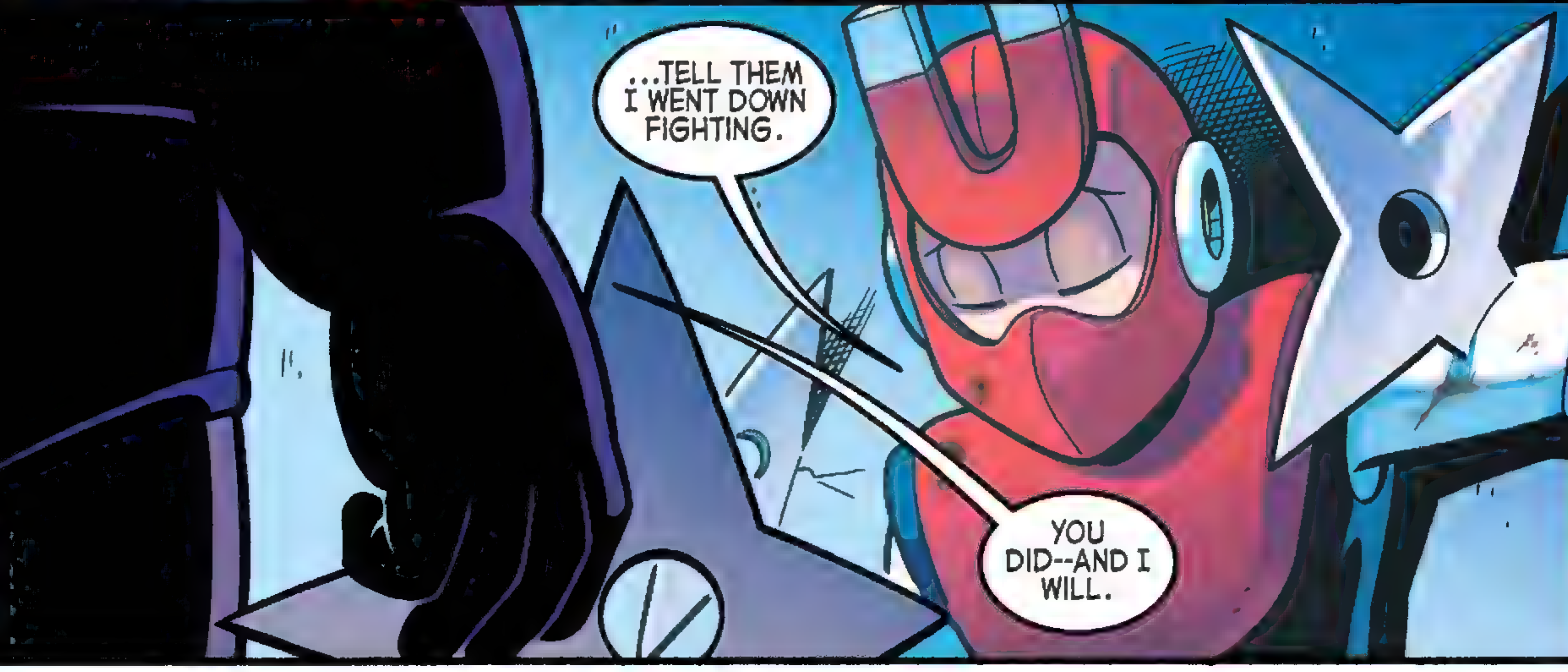
WE HAVE NO CHOICE. IT'S OUR FUNCTION.

THIS ISN'T THE END FOR YOU. I'LL SAVE YOUR I.C. CHIP SO DR. LIGHT CAN REBUILD YOU. I'LL DO IT FOR ALL YOUR BROTHERS, TOO.

PLEASE--TELL ME WHERE THE OTHER THREE ARE.

HELP ME END THIS.

GO AHEAD, KID. FINISH IT.



...TELL THEM I WENT DOWN FIGHTING.

YOU DID--AND I WILL.



MEANWHILE--FEDERAL PRISON, MAXIMUM SECURITY WING...

...THEN MOVED HIM SO HE COULDN'T HURT ANYONE OR HIMSELF.

IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHERE DID HE GET THE SHIV?

WE DON'T KNOW. HE KEEPS MAKING THEM SOMEHOW.

CREEPY.

BUT HE SEEMS CONTENT TO JUST USE IT FOR GRAFFITI. IF HE STARTS MARKING HIMSELF, WE'LL MOVE HIM TO A PADDED CELL.

OKAY. MAYBE WE'LL GET DR. WILY FOR HIS ROOMMATE.

YOU DON'T BELIEVE HIS STORY ABOUT RA MOON?

DO YOU?

OH, WILY WILL HAVE HIS RECKONING. WE ALL WILL. THE TIME WILL COME, AND *WORLDS* WILL COLLIDE AGAIN...



AT A VINTAGE DOCKYARD.

MAGNET MAN MUST HAVE TRICKED ME, DR. LIGHT. WHY WOULD NEEDLE MAN BE OUT HERE?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT I'M SHOWING SIGNS OF STRANGE ROBOT ACTIVITY. BETTER TURN AROUND, JUST IN CASE.

# NEEDLE MAN

DWN-017  
MINING AND  
LAND MODIFYING  
ROBOT MASTER

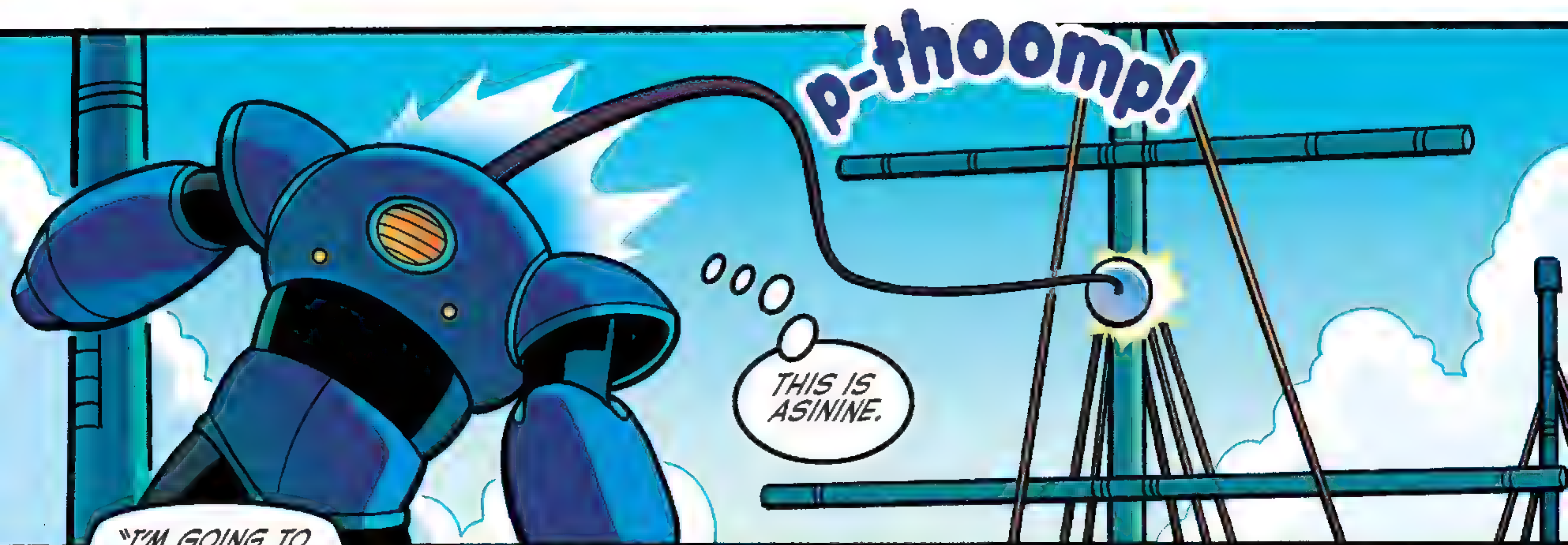
(PRICKLY-IN  
DEMEANOR AND  
ARMAMENT)

AWW, IS WIDDLE MEGA MAN CONFUSED? "OLD SHIP" DOESN'T FIT THEMATICALLY WITH "NEEDLES"?

WELL,  
TOO  
BAD!







**p-thoomp!**

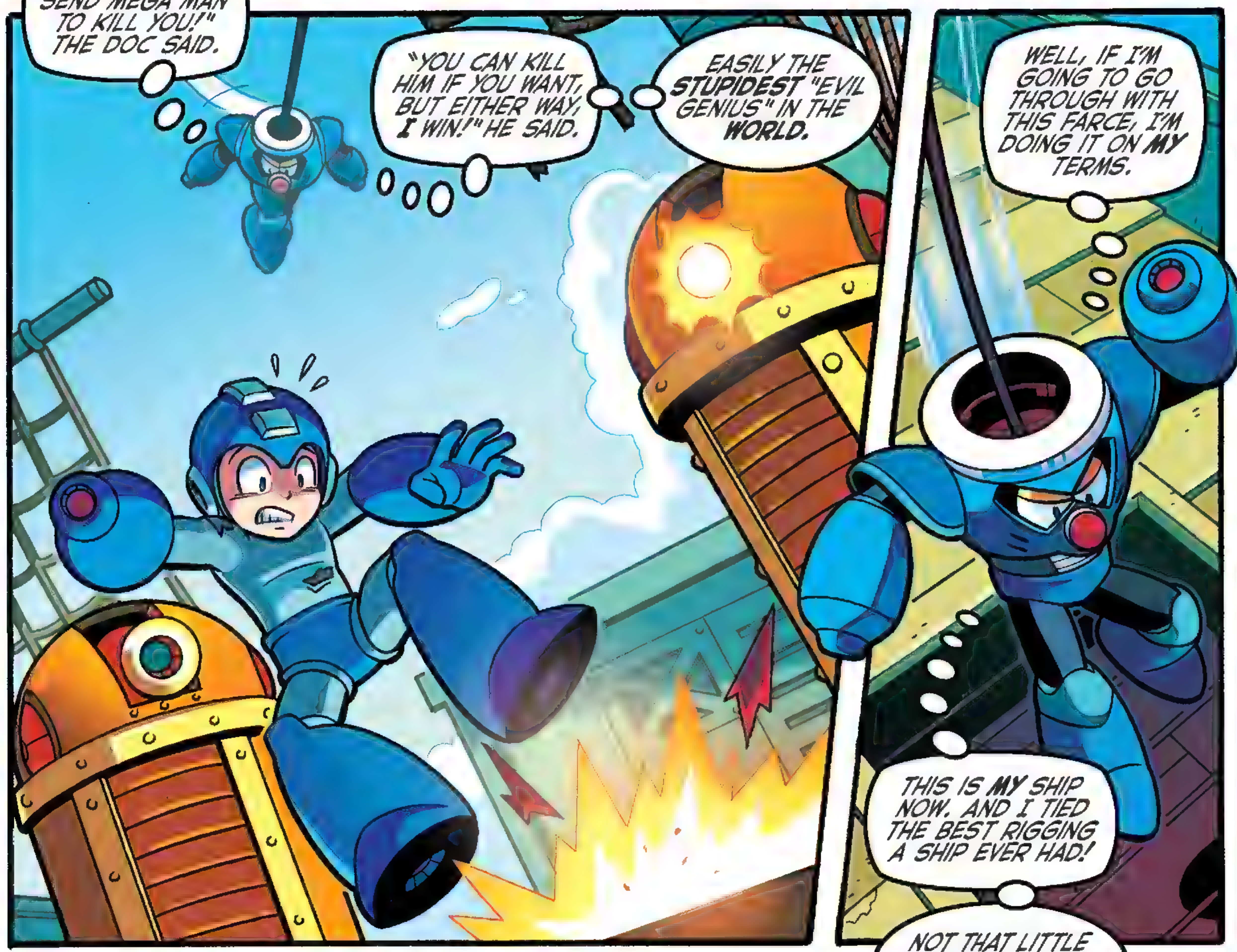
THIS IS ASININE.

"I'M GOING TO SEND MEGA MAN TO KILL YOU!" THE DOC SAID.

"YOU CAN KILL HIM IF YOU WANT, BUT EITHER WAY, I WIN!" HE SAID.

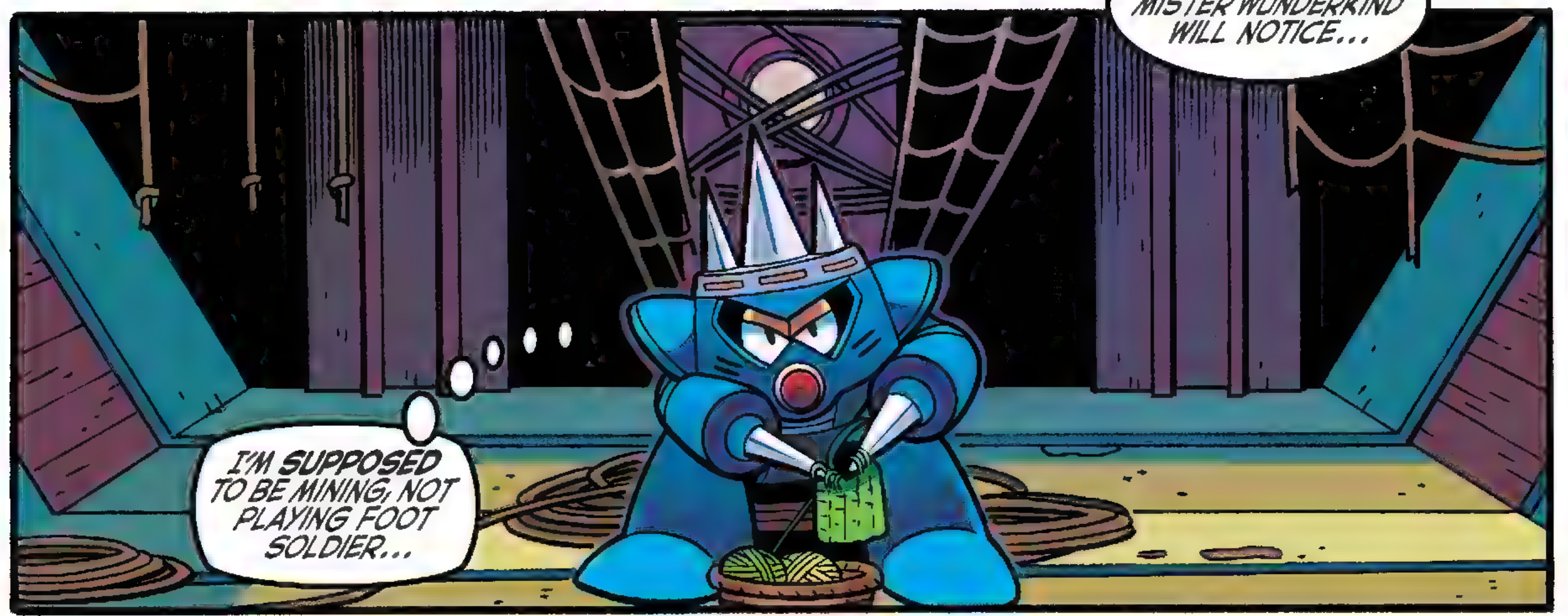
EASILY THE STUPIDEST "EVIL GENIUS" IN THE WORLD.

WELL, IF I'M GOING TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS FARCE, I'M DOING IT ON MY TERMS.



THIS IS MY SHIP NOW. AND I TIED THE BEST RIGGING A SHIP EVER HAD!

NOT THAT LITTLE MISTER WUNDERKIND WILL NOTICE...



I'M SUPPOSED TO BE MINING, NOT PLAYING FOOT SOLDIER...



SHORTLY...



NEEDLE MAN?  
STEP AWAY FROM  
THE ENERGY  
ELEMENT AND--!



--ARE YOU  
CROCHETING?



*KNITTING!*  
TWO ACTIVE  
NEEDLES,  
YOU MORON!  
WERE YOU  
BUILT IN A  
BARN?

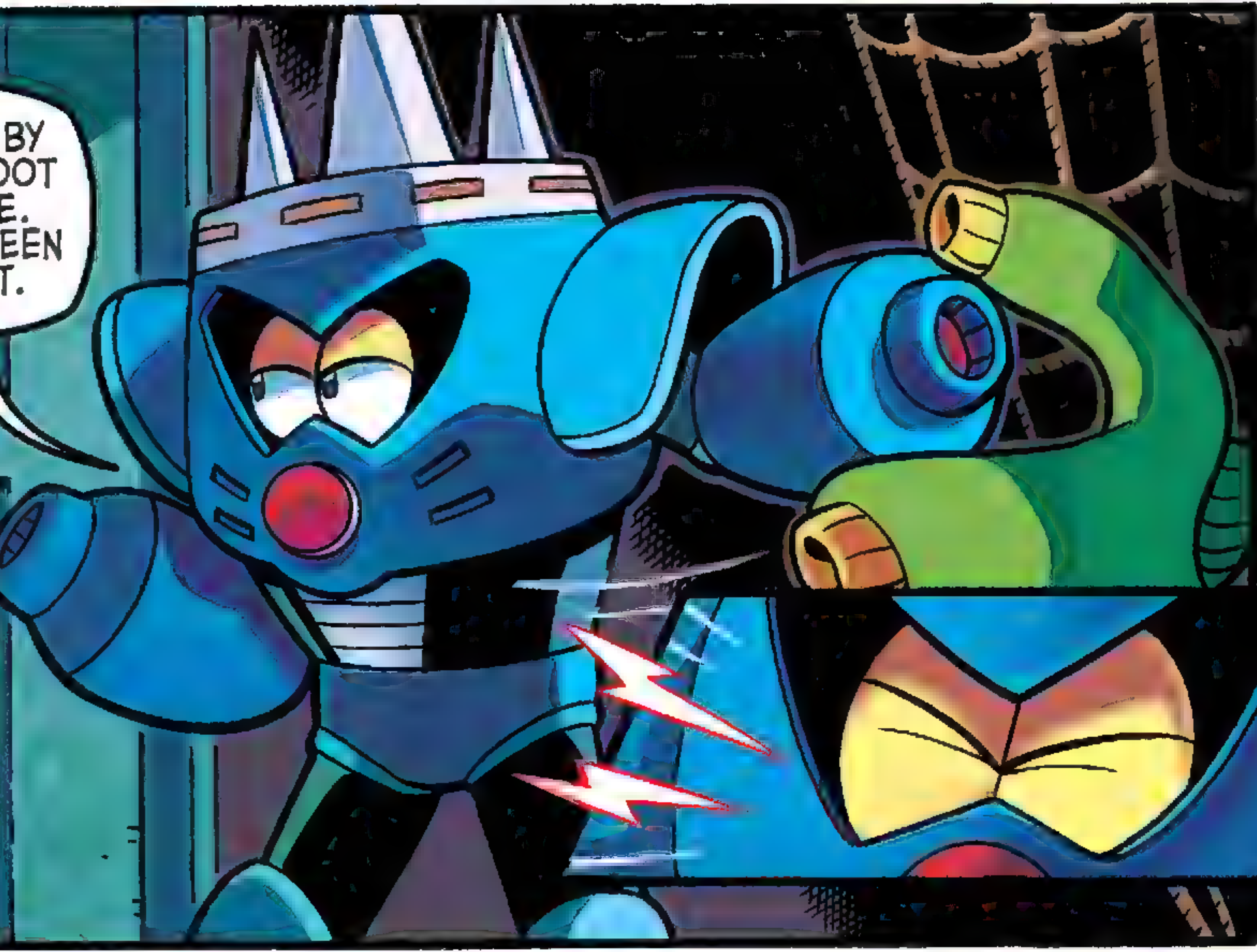
WORLD'S WORST  
BOSS



OH, DO...DO  
YOU WANT ME TO  
WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE  
FINISHED?

OH, NO-NO-NO. BY  
ALL MEANS, SHOOT  
ME IN THE FACE.  
*PLEASE!* I'VE BEEN  
WAITING FOR IT.

...REALLY?







DID ONE OF MY BROTHERS SMASH YOUR SARCASM CHIP?

AHH!  
I DON'T KNOW! NOTHING ABOUT THIS PLACE MAKES SENSE!



EVERYONE GAVE ME SASS ABOUT THIS PLACE! "IT'S NOT IN THEME!"

WELL, WHAT WOULD BE IN THEME?! A YARN FACTORY? OOOH--SCARY!

WEAPON EQUIP!  
TOP SPIN!



HARD MAN ALREADY PICKED A CAVE--I CAN'T BE REDUNDANT! SO WHERE ELSE COULD--

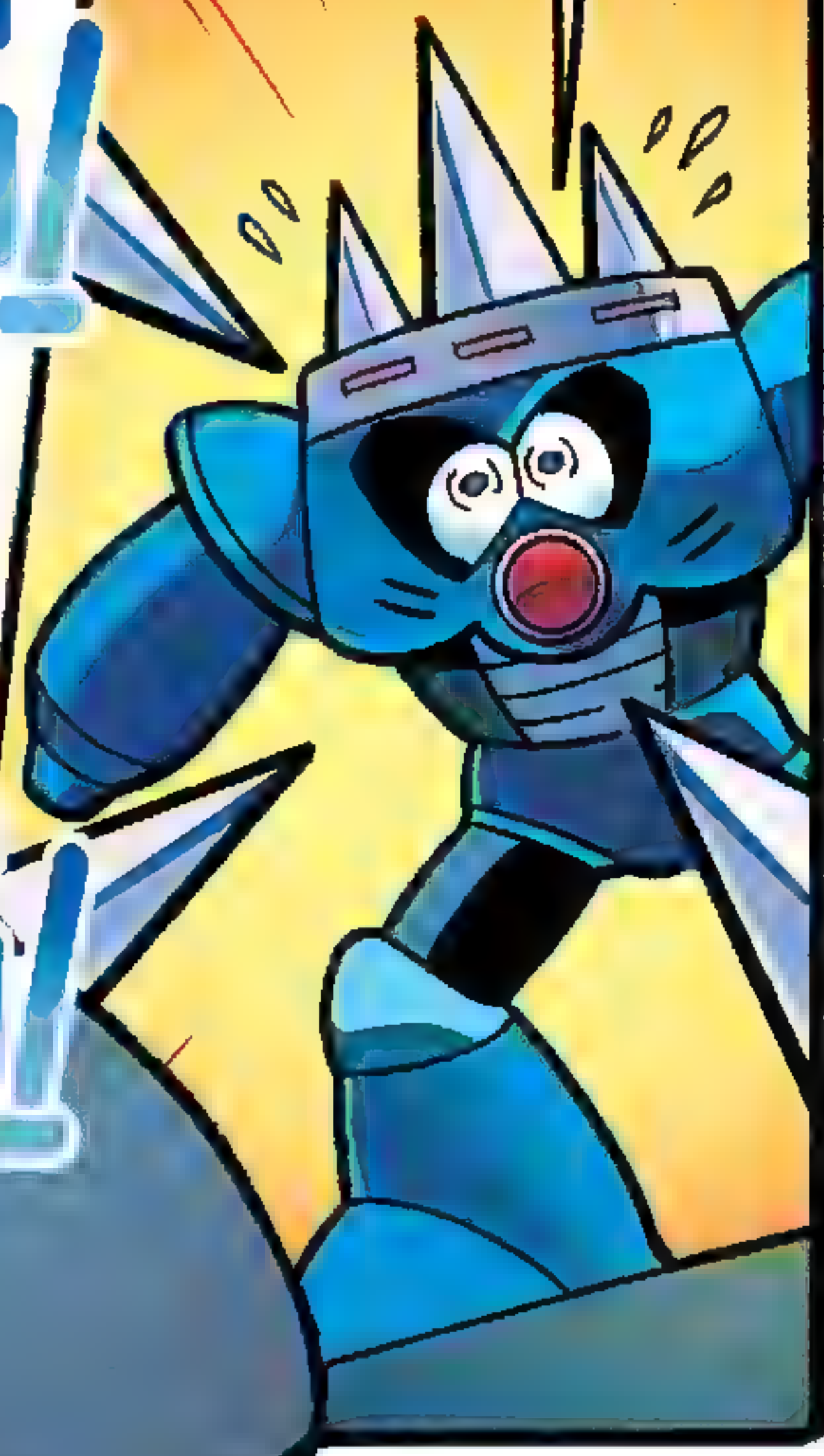
SHING!

SHING!

SHING!

SHING!

GAH!







NEVER.

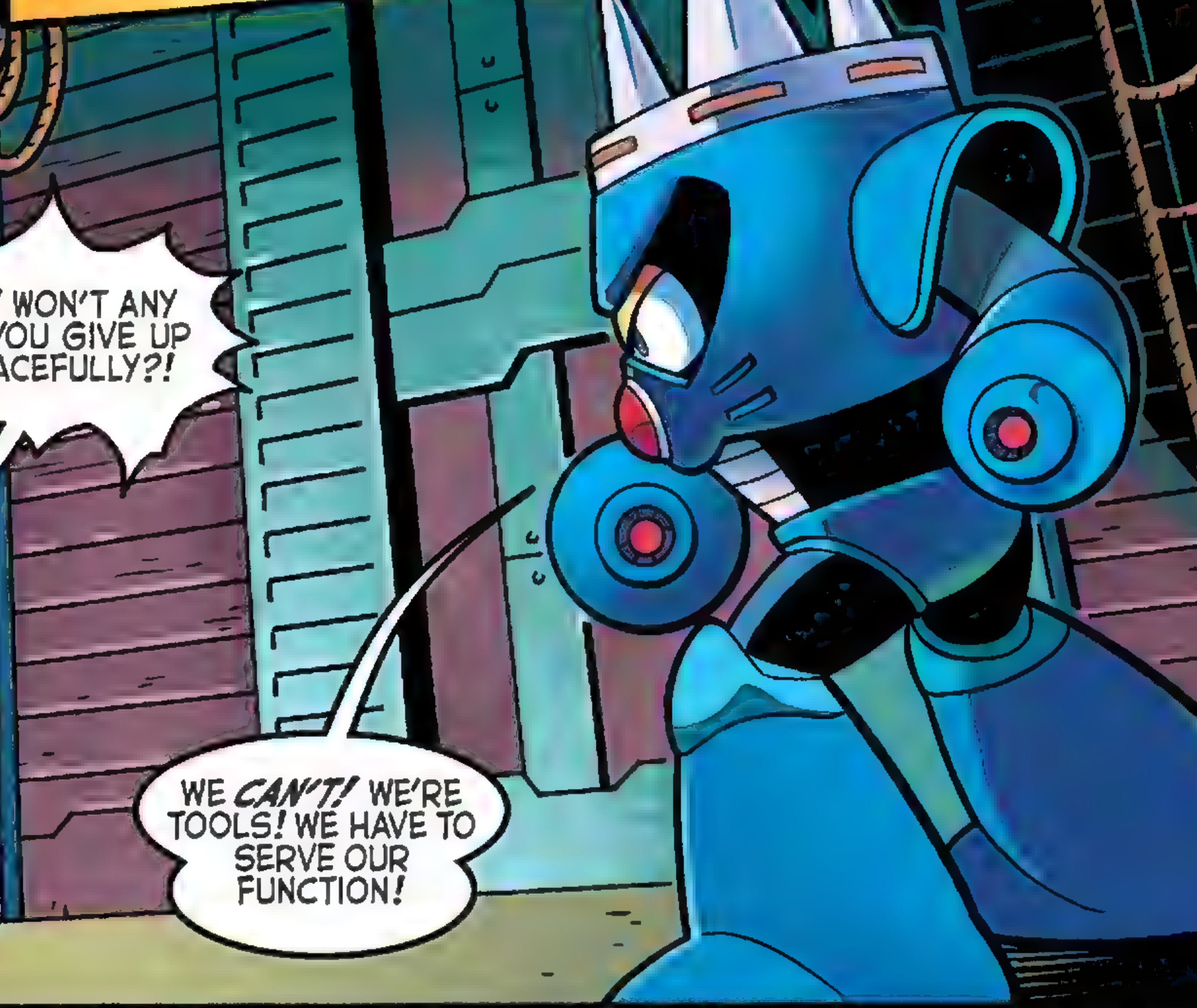
DO THAT.

AGAIN!



I DON'T WANT TO!  
I DON'T WANT TO  
HURT YOU OR  
YOUR BROTHERS!

WHY WON'T ANY  
OF YOU GIVE UP  
PEACEFULLY?!



WE CAN'T! WE'RE  
TOOLS! WE HAVE TO  
SERVE OUR  
FUNCTION!



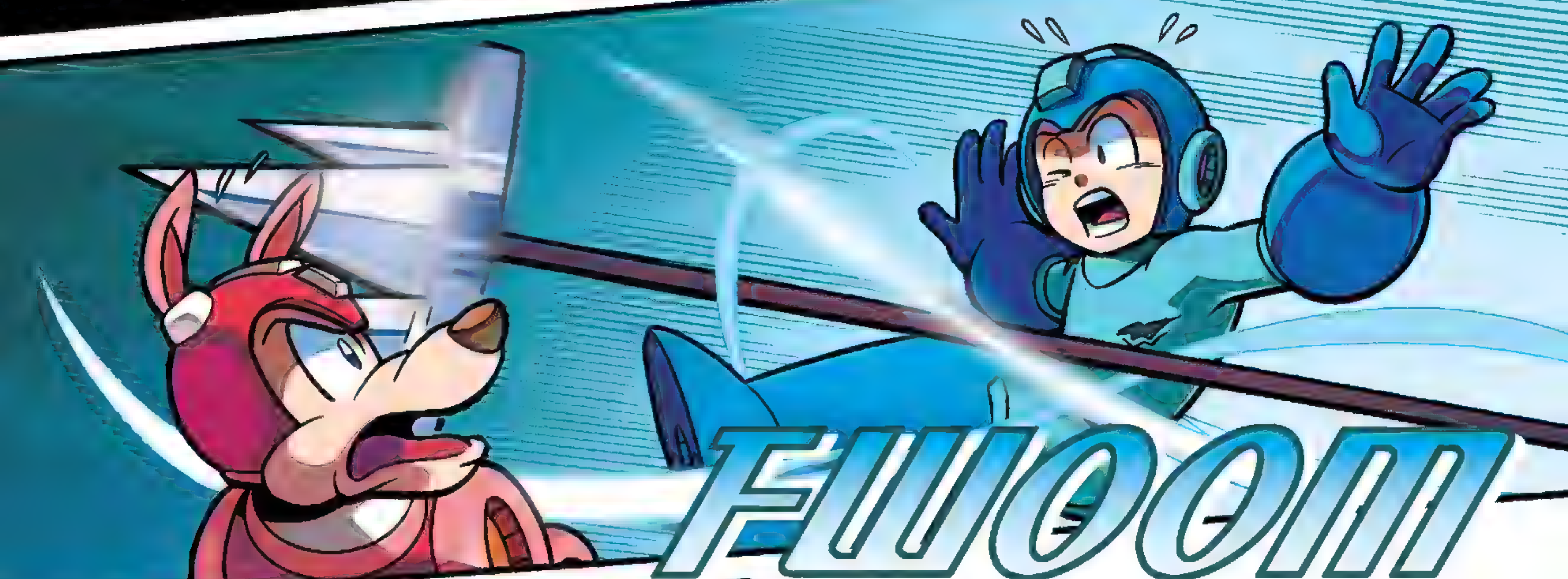
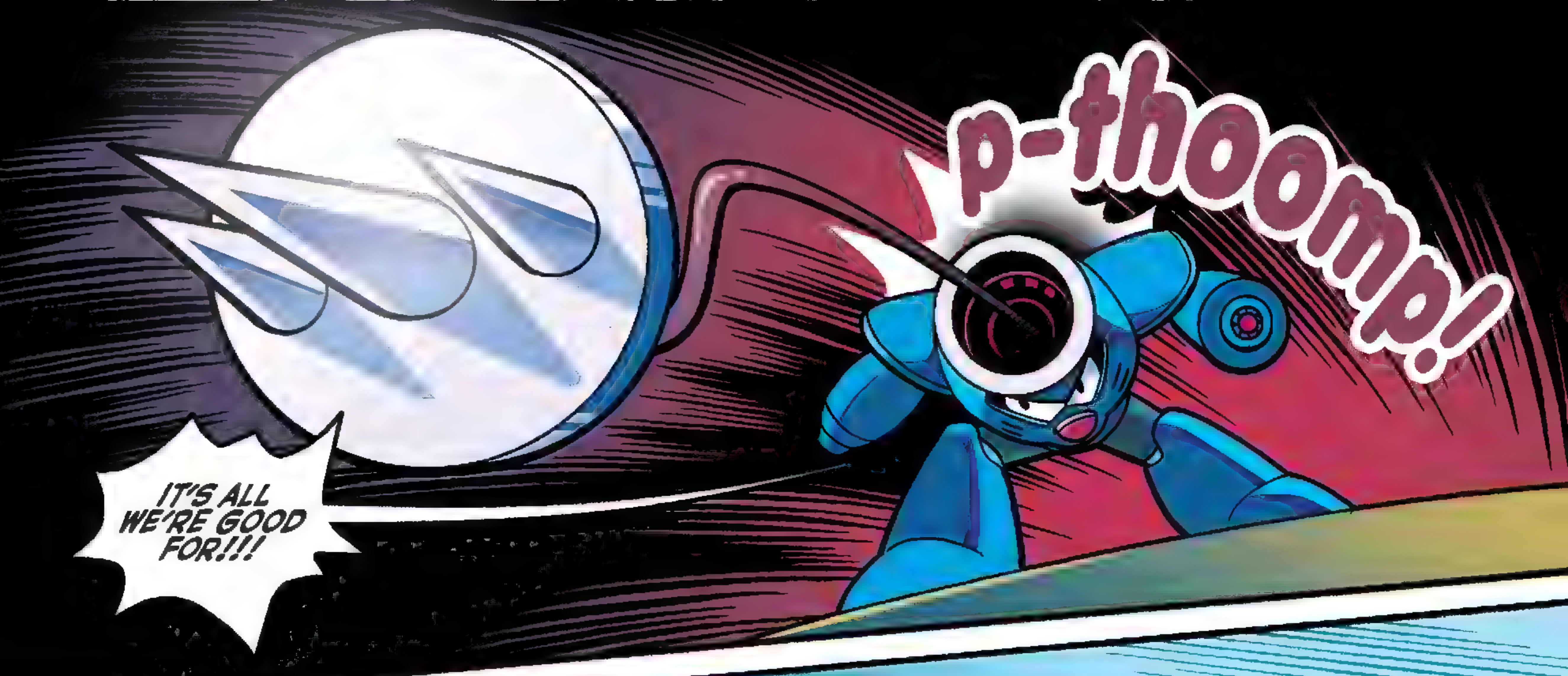
I WASN'T  
BUILT TO  
FIGHT! I  
CHANGED!  
YOU CAN,  
TOO!



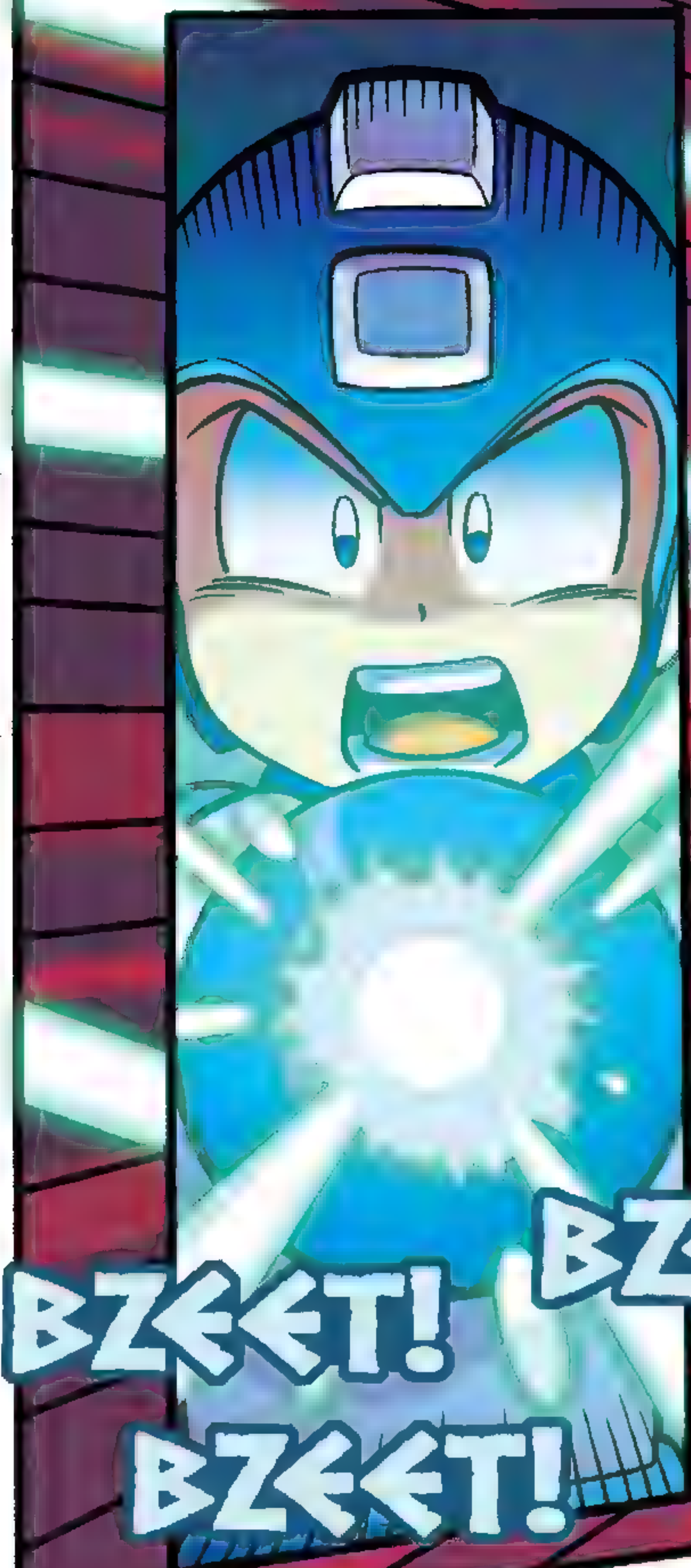
NO! YOU WERE BUILT TO  
"HELP PEOPLE"! YOU GET  
A NICE, FUZZY DEFINITION  
TO WORK WITHIN!

WE WEREN'T GIVEN THAT!  
"FIGHT MEGA MAN!"  
"DESTROY MEGA MAN!"









**BZEEET!** **BZEEET!**  
**BZEEET!**



**AUGH!!!**



...I FREAKED OUT OVER THE NEEDLES...

...SO, OF COURSE, YOU USE THE PIERCING LASER.

I'M SORRY-- THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANTED.



IT'S *NEVER* ABOUT WHAT WE *WANT*. WE'RE JUST TOOLS, KID.

SO DO YOUR JOB. TAKE THE SHOT.



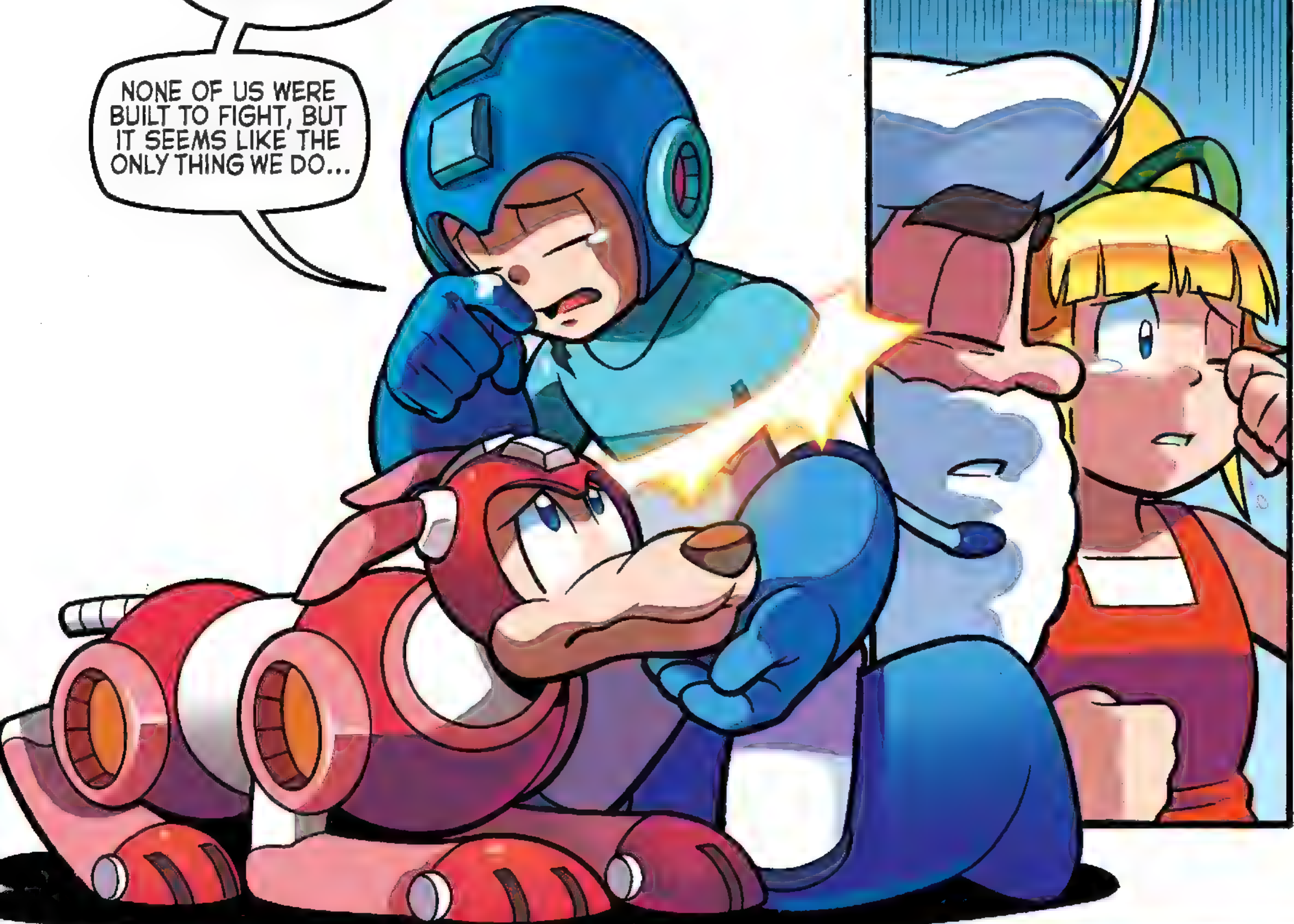
**BZEEET!**



MEGA MAN?  
≡SNIFF≡  
I--I'M FINE,  
DR. LIGHT. I JUST  
HATE THIS.

NONE OF US WERE  
BUILT TO FIGHT, BUT  
IT SEEMS LIKE THE  
ONLY THING WE DO...

IT'S ALMOST OVER,  
SON. STAY STRONG.



≡SIGH≡ ROLL. BE A  
DEAR AND GET ME SOME  
WATER, PLEASE.

SURE THING.



I HAVEN'T  
SEEN AUTO IN  
A WHILE... OR  
DR. WILY, FOR  
THAT MATTER.

"I'D BETTER  
GO LOOK  
FOR THEM  
WHEN I  
GET THE  
CHANCE..."

BLAST IT ALL--  
COME IN, BREAK  
MAN! MEGA  
MAN'S BACK ON  
EARTH!

I NEED  
THOSE I.C.  
CHIPS AND  
WEAPON  
DATA, OR  
THIS WHOLE  
PLAN IS FOR  
NOTHING!

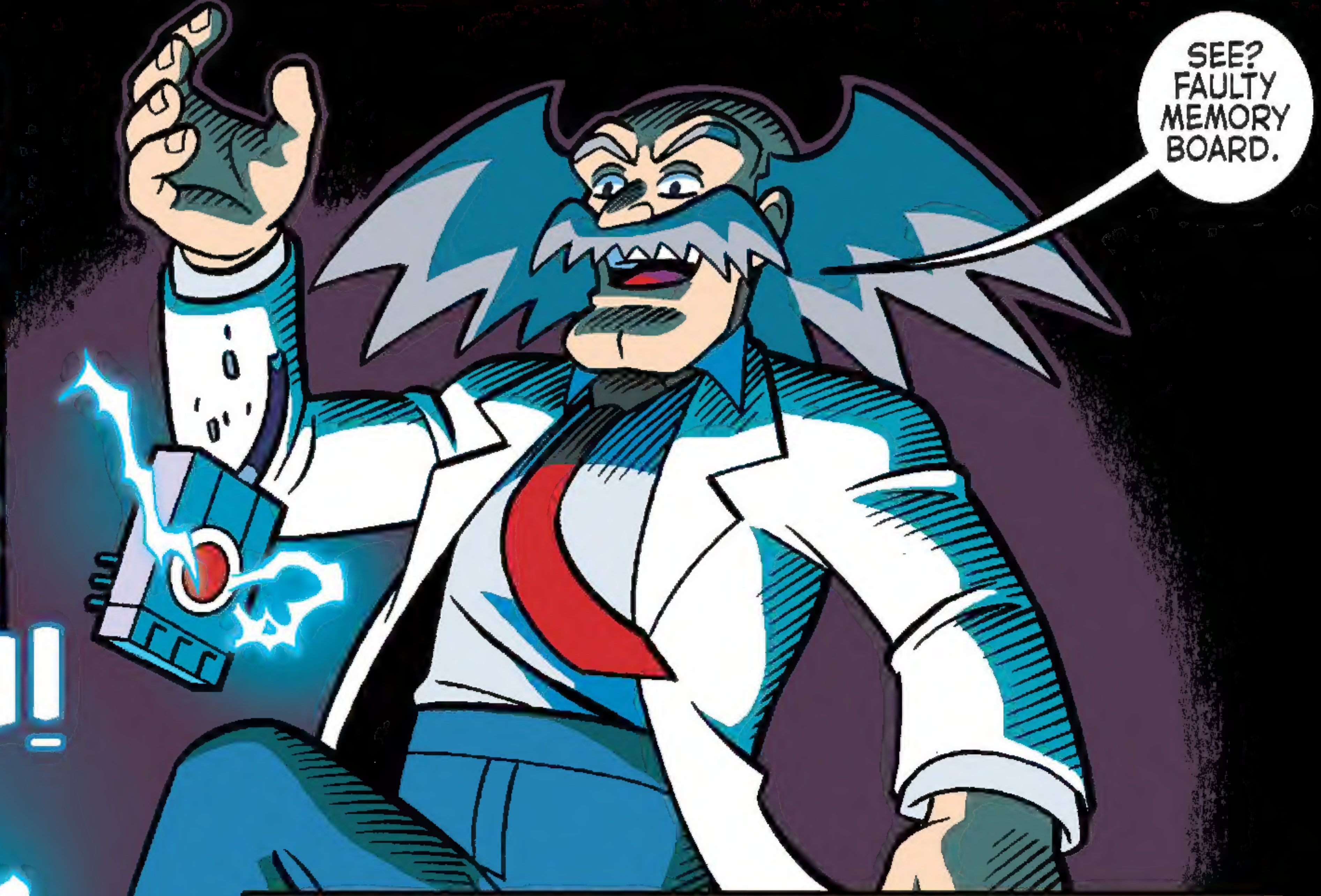
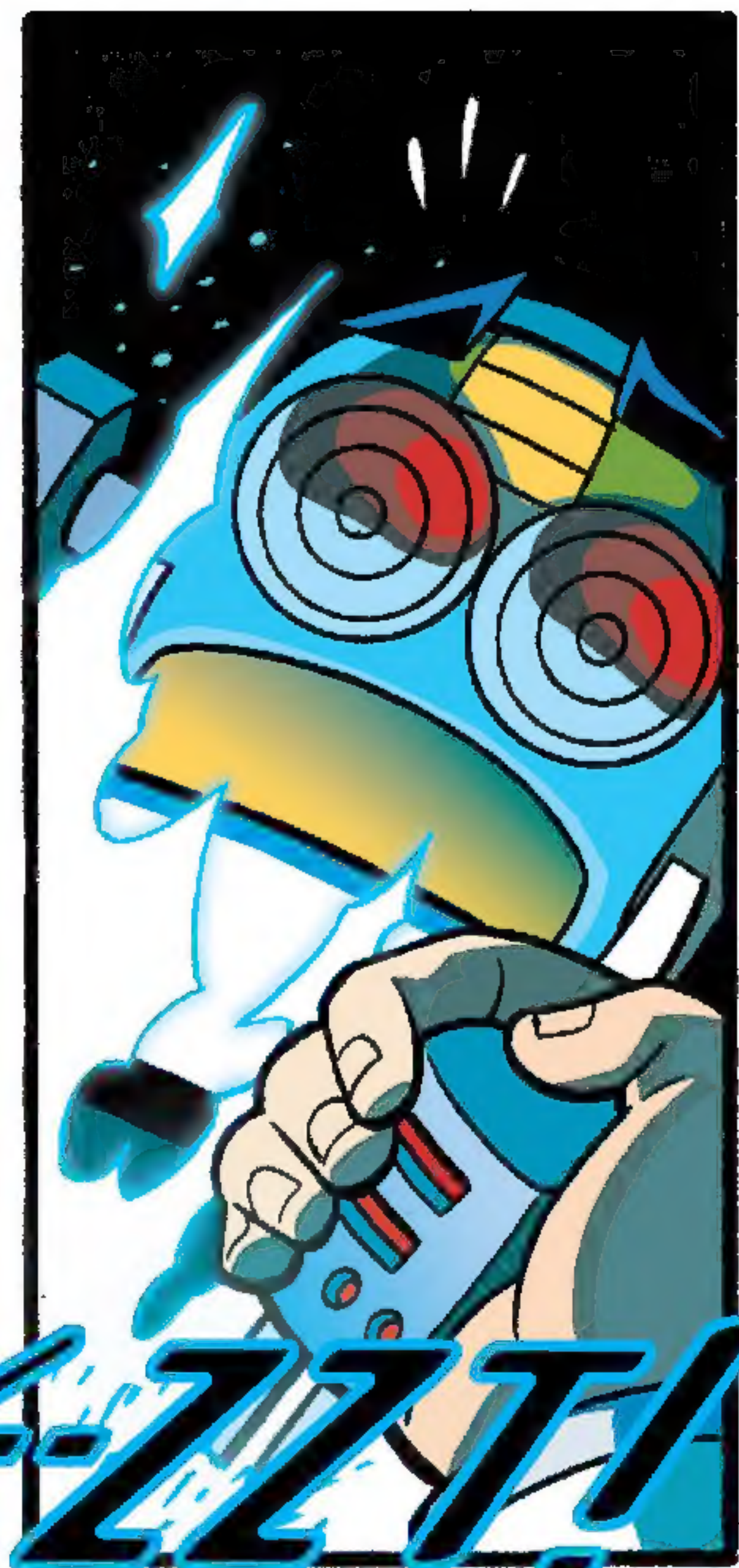
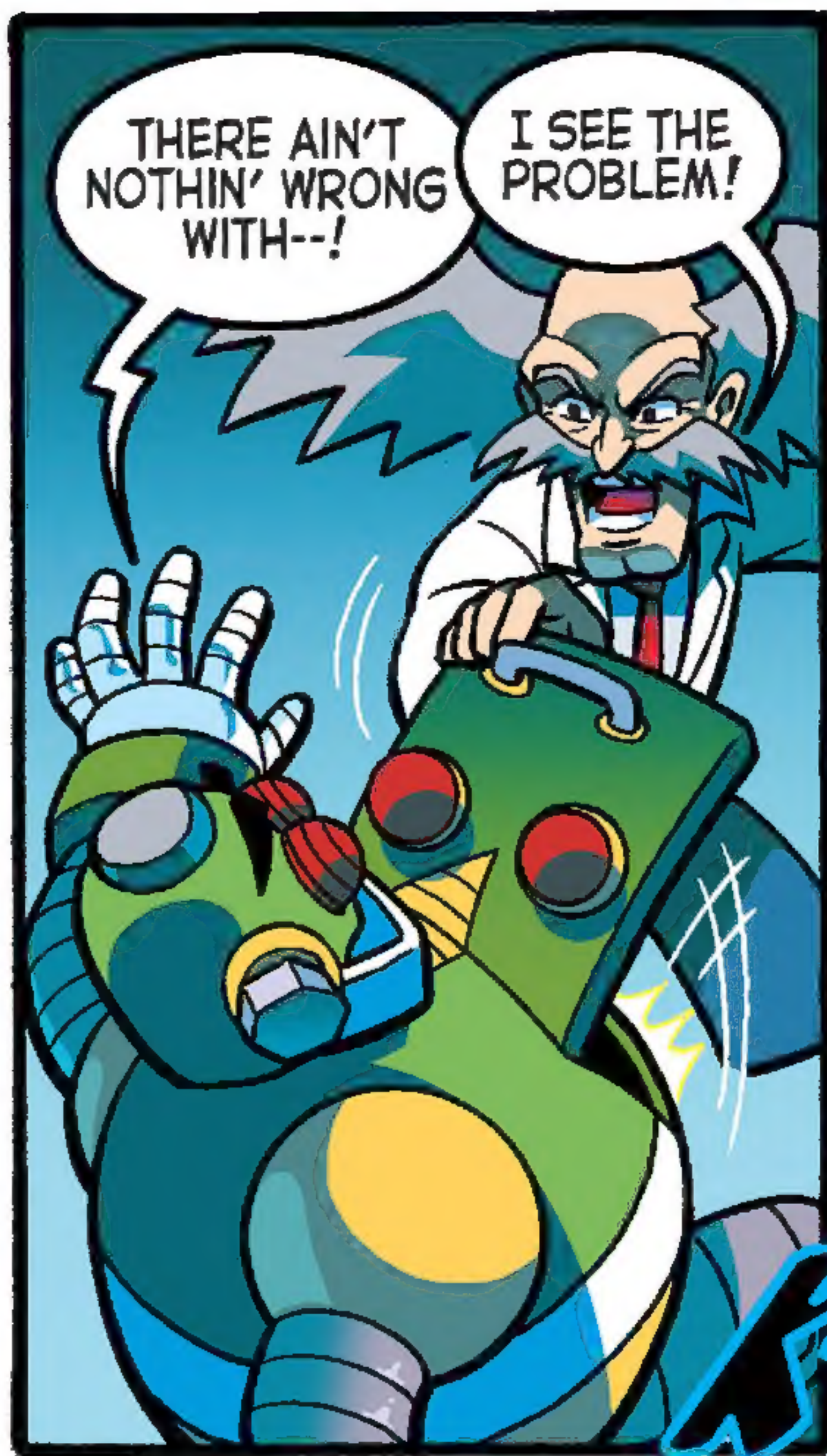


TALK TO  
YOURSELF  
MUCH,  
DOC?

GYEEP!







**NEXT TIME--THE THRILLING CONCLUSION! MEGA MAN VS. HARD MAN AND SPARK MAN! AND DR. WILY FINALLY MAKES HIS BIG MOVE! DON'T MISS THE ACTION-PACKED FINALE! AND UNTIL THEN, ENJOY MORE MEGA MAN WITH THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!**





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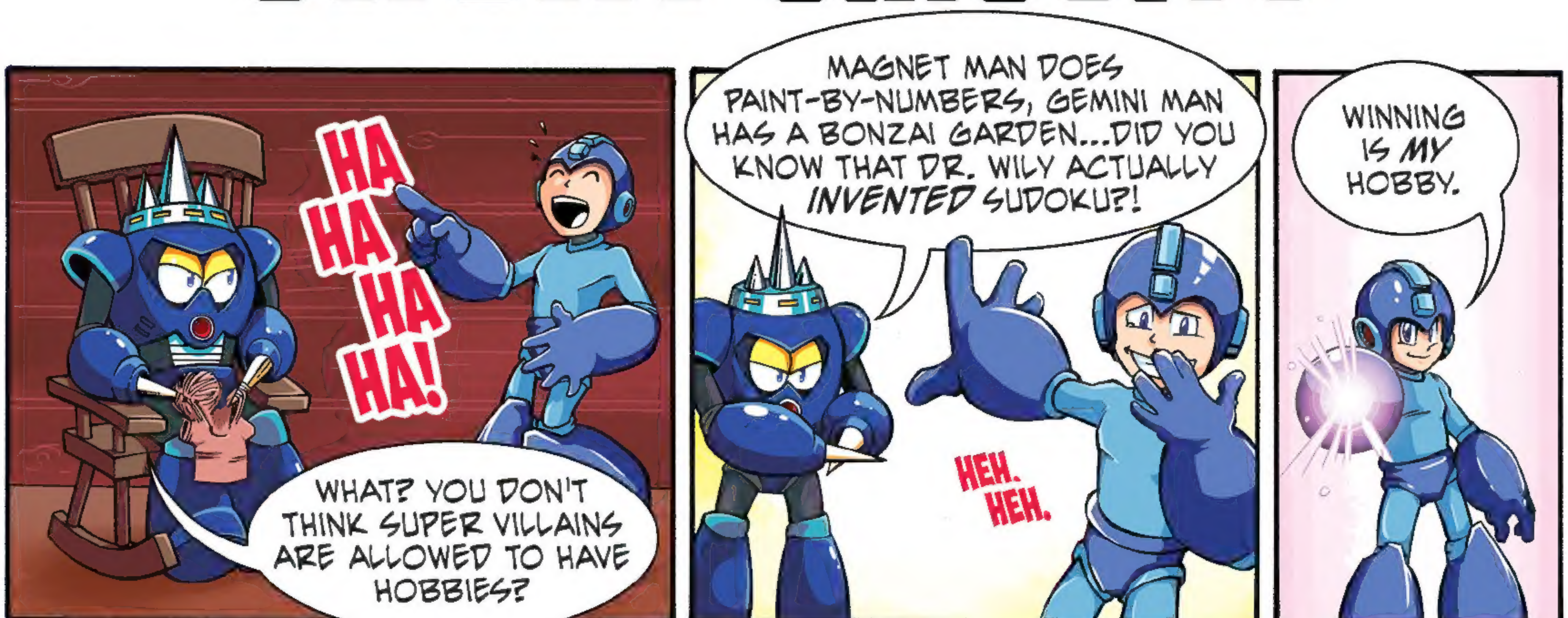
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**Dear Mega-Mail,**  
I liked Mega Man #41, not only for the story itself, but I also liked all the groundwork that went into it. Unlike the other adaptations which went by quickly, the Mega Man 3 adaptation had plenty of time to develop. We got to see the origin of the stage 3 Robot Masters and got to know them before Mega Man jumped into battle with them. All the elements from the game, to Blues' backstory to Gamma, and even the DOC robots were explored nicely. I enjoyed this buildup greatly, and now it's really paying off.

*It's certainly been a long journey leading up to this story! Happy to hear you're digging it!*

It's nice to see Dr. Wily slowly, methodically plotting and scheming to forward his goals.

It's a lot more involved than "steal robots and conquer the world!" It's nice to see that he is a credible threat here, as he's staying one step ahead of the situation.

*Indeed! Not to mention he's doing so right under Dr. Light's nose AND roof!*

Kudos to Roll for catching on to him and stalling his plans, which also makes her a more solid character.

*Roll is more than a house keeper, she can be just as heroic as her twin brother as displayed in Mega Man vol. 5 (which is available now btw)!*

It was also nice to see the Robot Masters' perspective a little bit more. It adds a lot to the charm of the series. The audience can share Rock's grief more when he has to confront them.

*This squad of Robot Masters all have very unique personalities and goals. We want to make sure we highlight their importance just as much as Rock.*

But of course, since we all played Mega Man 3 before, we know this is only the beginning! I can't wait to see how Blues fits in to the whole plot!

**-Jonathan G. sent to  
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com**

*Thanks for the praise, Jonathan! Mega Man 3 is one of my personal favorites from the classic era, right up there with Mega Man 2. It's only going to get crazier from here on in, so get psyched!*

*We'll see y'all next time for the big finale of "Legends of the Blue Bomber"!*

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